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Vote now and name the big winners in the 1996 WORLD SOCCER awards

Managerial hopefuls *(left-right)* . . . Raddy Antic, Berti Vogts, and Terry Venables

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WILL Gianluca Vialli keep the individual title? Will European Champions Germany take the team crown? Will their coach, Berti Vogts, be voted the top manager of 1996?

The choice is yours as the voting starts for the *WORLD SOCCER* awards, now in their 15th year and growing in popularity as season follows season.

The current holders of the three titles are Vialli, Ajax Amsterdam and Louis Van Gaal.

Vialli topped the poll last time while playing for Juventus: now he has a chance to win for a second successive year but in different colours – those of Chelsea, where he has made such an impact.

Ajax won the 1995 award after taking the European Champions Cup, the World Club Championship and the Dutch League. Now they face tough competition from Juventus, the team who beat them in the Champions Cup Final last May, from Manchester United, winners of the Cup-League double for the second time, and from Auxerre, who did the double in France.

On the international scene, there will be many votes for Euro 96 winners Germany, African Nations Cup-holders South Africa, and Nigeria, who took the Olympic title.

Coach Van Gaal will have his supporters again as he aims to rebuild Ajax, but Vogts and Man United's Alex Ferguson must be in with a shout. And do not forget Raddy Antic, a title-winner in Spain with Atletico Madrid, Luis Fernandez, who led Paris St Germain to European success, and Terry Venables, so close to taking England to a Euro final.

On the playing side, George Weah of Liberia and Gabriel Batistuta of Argentina have been in wonderful form in Europe, with their clubs, as well as on the international scene. Deiter Elts and Matthias Sammer helped West Germany to Euro success, and Sammer has been voted Player of the Year in Germany twice in succession.

Another of the Italian imports to Britain, Fabrizio Ravanelli, will not be short of supporters after scoring the Juventus goal against Ajax and then bringing new life to Middlesbrough.

The last two winners in the poll organised by the Football Writers Assocation, Jurgen Klinsmann and Eric Cantona, are bound to be in the running. Klinsmann scored a record 15 goals in helping Bayern Munich to win the UEFA Cup, and Cantona achieved even wider cult status through his displays for Manchester United.

Extrovert goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert, a Paraguayan who has been playing club football in Argentina, has built up a huge following through his exploits when scoring as well as saving. Another South American, Ronaldo of Brazil and Barcelona, has the fans raving with his skill in and around the penalty area.

Then there is Alan Shearer, the man who broke the world's record transfer fee when joining Newcastle. He is expected to win a lot of support from Europe, as well as from his own countrymen, after his splendid performances in the Euro event.

Then there is David Seaman of Arsenal, who would achieve a remarkable double if the award were to go his way. He would become the first English winner, and the first goalkeeper as well.

Get cracking now and make your three selections. You can name any player you want to name. Any team, and any manager. The choice is yours.

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Keir Radnedge
COMMENTARY

Vision down the tubes

WHATEVER happened to Vision – the revolutionary proposals with which UEFA hoped to turn international football on its head?

Worse than nothing, it appears.

Vision was created within UEFA's corridors of managerial and commercial power and presented, amid much bluster, to FIFA , where Joao Havelange turned up his nose at it. On a few minor matters – such as international transfer jurisdiction – UEFA got its way. But the highest-profile issues, such as rotation among the six regional confederations of both the FIFA presidency and World Cup hosting rights, has been consigned to the dustbin.

Indeed, critics of UEFA blame Vision for providing Chung Mong Joon with the lever which permitted latecomers South Korea to torpedo Japan's bid to host the 2002 World Cup alone. Chung's support for Vision within the FIFA executive was repaid with a split UEFA vote on 2002 which, in turn, forced Havelange into submitting to co-hosting.

That is already proving the most disastrous World Cup decision since Colombia were awarded the 1986 finals (later taken over by Mexico).

Rotation of the presidency is forgotten. Indeed, the proposal may even have provoked Havelange to consider changing his mind and standing again for re-election in 1998. UEFA president Lennart Johansson has announced his candidacy. But Havelange's frequent hints of a 2006 World Cup in Africa will appeal to his faithful African audience – particularly because his increasing antipathy to Europe's football politicians increase the prospects of Havelange's promoting Issa Hayatou, the CAF leader, as his presidential successor.

As for rotating the World Cup finals, forget that, too. UEFA undermined the proposal in the first place by making implementation conditional upon a European start in 2006, only eight years after the 1998 finals take place in France.

Thus the bidding process for 2006 is now cluttered. For Europe, Germany have thrown their hat in the ring and England have expressed formal interest; Morocco, Egypt and South Africa are the African contenders; Argentina and Brazil are expected to demand the first World Cup in South America for 28 years (since Argentina in 1978).

Forget further co-hostings. The experiment with Japan and South Korea for 2002 is providing enough nightmares to last FIFA a generation.

The highest-profile issues, such as rotation of World Cup hosting rights, have been consigned to the dustbin

If UEFA's Vision did achieve anything then it helped bring FIFA face-to-face with the new financial reality of the World Cup's value in a world of television revolution. But that would have come to pass, anyway.

The most cynical of conspiracy theorists suggest that UEFA deliberately brokered the co-hosting of 2002 in the knowledge that it could not work and that FIFA ultimately would take the entire event away from both Japan and South Korea and land it in the emergency solution lap of Germany or even England.

But that, in my view, suggests a political deviousness beyond anyone's vision.

For many, the greatest . . . Alfredo Di Stefano *(left)*

Alfredo and other outlaws

THE 70th birthday of Alfredo Di Stefano, the man who remains, for many of us, the Greatest Footballer of All Time, was largely overlooked this summer.

He was the inspiration of one of River Plate's greatest teams in the late 1940s; of the legendary Millonarios of Bogota in the early 1950s; and, climactically, of the Real Madrid side who dominated the first five years of the European Champions Cup between 1955 and 1960.

Di Stefano was a centre-forward of remarkable stamina and technique who believed the whole pitch was his stage: he was to be found back in defence, organising midfield and scoring a host of goals in attack.

His ill-fortune, as far as posterity is concerned, was to have operated in the era immediately before colour television. For example, much of Pele's enduring reputation rests on the video-colour clarity of events during and after the 1970 World Cup finals.

Di Stefano's genius gains passing acknowledgement in a new book, *Bogota Bandit.* Subtitled, *The Outlaw Life of Charlie Mitten,* it tells how Manchester United's outside left in the immediate post-war years, joined Independiente of Santa Fe in Colombia's big-money pirate league at the turn of the 1950s (Mainstream Publishing, £14.99).

Mitten, Stoke winger George Mountford and England centre-half Neil Franklin all enjoyed great success both on the pitch and financially at a time when English professionals were locked in virtual slave conditions back home.

In the end, however, their families' home-sickness – no jet planes in those days – brought them back to England, where the FA's disciplinary wrath crashed about them.

Author Richard Adamson gilds the lily in suggesting that Mitten would have won a stack of England caps had he not been frozen out by a vengeful football establishment on his return.

In fact, he was 29 when he went to Colombia and the presence of the great Tom Finney meant he never could have been anything more than an England shadow-man.

The greatest irony was that later, as manager of Newcastle United, it was Mitten's task to try to 'imprison' George Eastham within an illegal contract system against which Mitten himslef had fought a decade earlier.

Mitten admits that his greatest mistake, however, had been to turn down an offer to join Di Stefano and ex-Santa Fe team-mate Hector Rial at Real Madrid, as the Colombian pirate clubs walked the FIFA plank. Di Stefano went on to football immortality . . . Mitten has had to wait for this book.

Past imperfect

FASCINATING, wasn't it, to hear Manchester United's head honchos bemoaning their raw youngsters' lack of experience against Juventus in Turin in the Champions League?

Chief executive Martin Edwards said: "We had five youngsters in our line-up against one of Europe's finest club sides. The future for us looks good but this type of game is all about educating our younger players. There are lessons they must learn.

"I don't know if we're capable of winning the European Cup this season but I honestly think we will win it one day with these home-grown youngsters forming the backbone of the team. They are the future for us. They just have to continue their football education."

Is this the same United who whinged, over the past four years, that "if only UEFA's rules allowed us to field our strongest team" they would smash every continental opponent in sight?

Macri makes a point

BOCA JUNIORS' Mauricio Macri is the youngest president in Argentina's top division. He has firm views about how players should behave away from the pitch and firm views about how the coach should enforce discipline – with a system of fines and warnings.

Macri's concern about day-to-day team affairs at the redeveloped Bombonera reached fever pitch after defeat by Racing of Avellaneda ended the championship dreams of Macri, Diego Maradona, Claudio Caniggia, coach Carlos Bilardo and the rest of the squad.

But what upset Macri the most was what he discovered on a business trip to Europe. "Over there," he said on his return to Buenos Aires, "they don't consider us a serious club – because we have Maradona."

Do not, then, expect Macri to put himself out trying to lure *El Pibe d'Oro* out of his latest retirement. No wonder colleague Natalio Gorin of *El Grafico* noted sarcastically: "Maradona is more entertaining on television chat shows than out on the football pitch."

He might have added "or in hotels". Maradona followed his well-publicised escapades in London by running amok in an exclusive hotel in Alicante – damaging chairs, a table and light fittings. He was upset after spending 20 minutes stuck in a lift when the doors jammed.

Maradona was in Alicante to consult a drug addiction therapist . . .

Atlanta absence

AIPS, a somewhat unwieldy acronym, is the International Association of Sports Journalists. The latest edition of the AIPS bulletin includes reports from various colleagues about media facilities at the Atlanta Olympics.

Surprising, at first sight, that there should be no mention of football. On second thoughts, of course, the American organisers did not consider football worthy of a presence in the city of Atlanta itself.

Time to wonder, perhaps, whether the Olympic Games is worthy of football.

Sewell still shining

CAN'T move these days, for new football books. But it's still the golden oldies which command the market.

Albert Sewell's *News of the World Football Annual* remains the doyen, now into its 110th year. Then there's *Rothmans Football Yearbook* in its 27th edition.

One disappointment: the alphabetical index of players launched last year has been dropped in favour of a separate club-by-club squads section – which means that club information now has to be sought from two separate chunks within the tome. It's awkward for reference and, inevitably because of the fast-moving transfer market, way out of date.

Therefore players' references have to be pursued by thumbing here, there and everywhere. Give me the ABC any time.

Reference readers awaiting the *1996-97 European Football Yearbook* need contain their impatience only until early November, according to publishers Sports Projects.

On a different tack, *A Sporting Portrait of Bill Shankly* is a double audio-cassette production which will explain to many of Liverpool's younger fans precisely how much the club owe him. Successor Bob Paisley may have guided the Reds to more trophies but it was Shankly who built the foundations for it all.

John Keith, until recently the Merseyside soccer specialist of the *Daily Express*, scripted and narrated the tapes which include original interviews. The tape set (double cassette £8.99) is available from Liverpool FC's Liver World store or direct from Mastersound Sport, 3 Alma Road, Southport PR8 4AN.

San Siro sorrow . . . Artur scores Porto's first goal against Milan

Wrong target

ONE HAS to question the judgment of Gary Lineker and/or his advisers. Everyone probably understands why Lineker feels he needs to put a bit of snap into his act. But . . . while football is replete with issues and people ripe for critical examination, Vinnie Jones, in the twilight of his playing career, is not one of them.

Friends and neighbours

NOWHERE outside Milan was that shock home defeat by Porto in the Champions League greeted with greater dismay than in Turin.

If you study the Champions League fixture format you will see that Milan and fellow Italian giants Juventus can meet in the Final itself ON CONDITION that they finish in the same position in their respective groups. But, if Milan finish runners-up in Group D (as they well might, after dropping those three home points) then they would face Juventus in the quarter-finals IF Juventus win Group C (as they well might, after seeing off Manchester United in Turin).

Both clubs have a vested interest in not meeting until the Final. Milan owner Silvio Berlusconi's TV channel, for example, holds exclusive rights to all Italian matches in the Champions League, which means two sets of domestic captive audiences.

Then again, both clubs see the other as their most threatening rivals out on the pitch and do not fancy a premature showdown.

I would not dream of suggesting that either club will bring anything but the greatest integrity of approach to their last group matches. Still, it will fascinating to see what tricks coincidence may play.

Eric the unread

ERIC CANTONA was quoted in the Italian press as describing Didier Deschamps as "a water carrier". The phrase was picked up in France where fans were far from impressed at what appeared a gratuitous insult by Manchester United's skipper.

What was NOT reported in France was what Cantona went on to say about Deschamps, which was: "Players like that are not to be found on the corner of every street." Either in Turin or Manchester.

Water carrier jibes . . . Didier Deschamps

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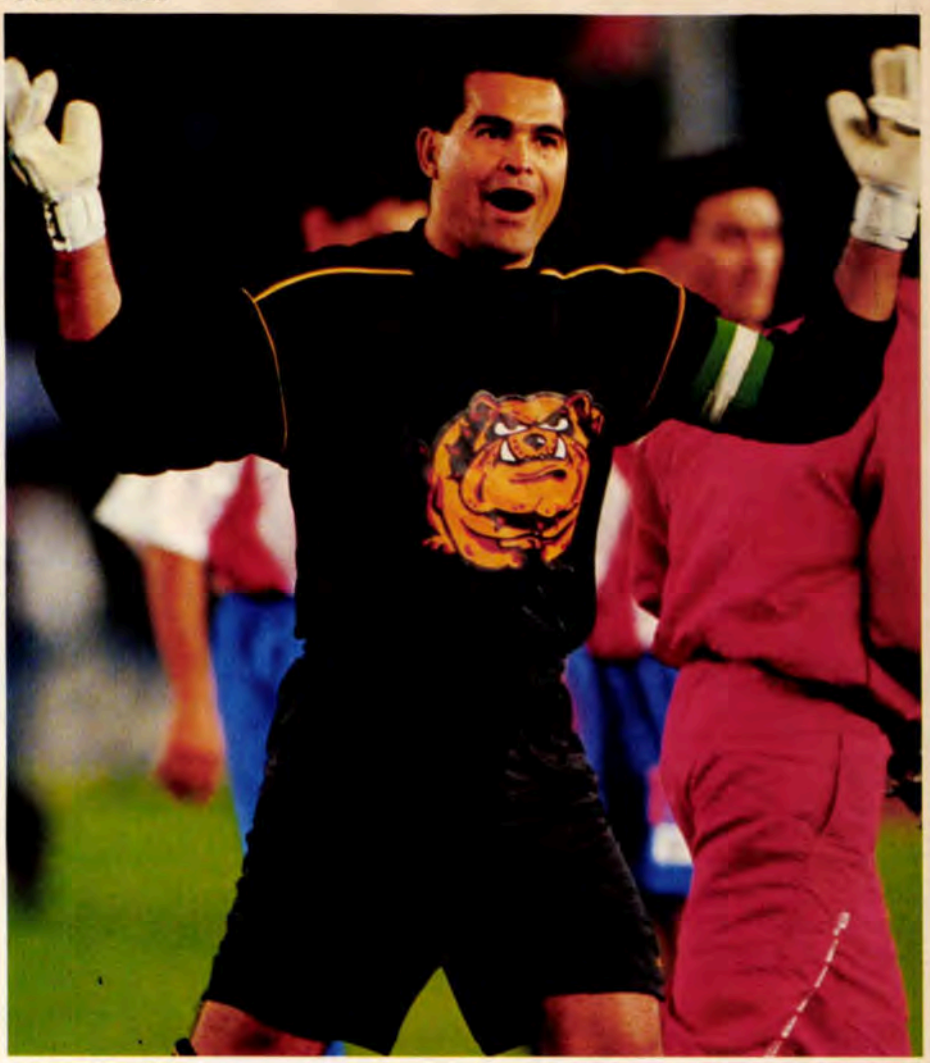


The gloves are off

PARAGUAYAN Jose Luis Chilavert *(right)*, **considered by many (including himself) to be the best goalkeeper in the world, is leaving Argentina after assualting a rival club coach.**

Chilavert will continue to play for Argentinian champions Velez Sarsfield until November 23 and play in the Super Cup. He was transferred by Velez to an un-named Italian club, believed to be AS Roma where former Velez coach Carlos Bianchi is now in charge, for £2.5million.

The Paraguayan goalkeeper found out that scoring against Argentina can be a risky business, especially if you live in Argentina and play for a local club. He scored with one of his specialty free-kicks to gain a point for Paraguay in the 1-1 World Cup qualifying match in Buenos Aires, but four days later an Argentinian court sentenced him to three months in jail (suspended) and banned him from playing for 13 games for the aforementioned assault.

The court case was the first of its kind in Argentina – and the timing was suspicious. Chilavert called this "personal vengeance" against him and vowed to continue his career abroad.

LIBERO ON LINE

1966 **ENGLAND**
1970 **BRAZIL**
1974 **GERMANY**
1978 **ARGENTINA**
1982 **ITALY**
1986 **ARGENTINA**
1990 **GERMANY**
1994 **BRAZIL**
1998 **ENGLAND?**

This little sequence recently appeared in one of the many excellent Internet mailing lists. While it appears to point towards certain glory for England in the 1998 World Cup, another scenario, also from the Internet, suggests a more familiar story. It just goes to show that the Internet is not *just* the World Wide Web, with all its fancy bells and whistles.

1970 Didn't win 1974 Didn't win 1978 Didn't win
1982 Didn't win 1986 Didn't win 1990 Didn't win
1994 Didn't win 1998 Didn't win?

Grass is greener in France

THE GRASS really is greener in France – if Michel Platini has anything to with it. The organising committee for the 1998 World Cup, headed by Platini, are developing a special grass for the Stade de France, the Paris stadium which will stage the 1998 Final.

A panel of specialists has crossed an English brand of grass with a French variety to produce a one-off that will look good and last the entire tournament.

"The grass is the image 27 billion television viewers will keep in mind," says Platini. "I'm very fond of lawns. I remember Atletico Madrid's pitch at the 1982 World Cup in Spain. I did not play against Austria that day, but I walked on the grass barefoot because it was so beautiful."

Puskas better than Pele – official

FERENC PUSKAS IS the greatest scorer of all time. That's the view of the German-based Federation of Football History and Statistics.

Pele may have scored more than 1,200 goals in his career, but Puskas ***(far right)*** has been credited with the record for the most goals in national championships.

The former Real Madrid and Kispest star scorred 512 in 528 national championship games. Many of Pele's goals, in contrast, were scored before the Brazilian championship started in 1970.

The needle and the damage done

JUVENTUS DEFENDER Ciro Ferrara, for seven seasons a team-mate of Diego Maradona *(right)* **at Napoli, regrets that he and others did not do more to help Maradona kick his drug addiction.**

Ferrara, speaking after publication of a contentious report suggesting that years of drug abuse had caused Maradona irreversible brain damage, said: "The problem is that Diego started on cocaine at Barcelona."

Ferrara added: "Sometimes, I would go round to Diego's house to persuade him to come to training and I would tell him that we had a big game coming up and that we all needed him. He would respond to that – he would react. He came to training and worked all the cocaine out of his system . . . and at the end of training we'd all go off, with him and Claudia [Maradona's wife] and eat a pizza.

"Thinking back on it now, I imagine that every pizza he ate meant a sniff of cocaine less and that we ought to have invited him out every night."

Boca Juniors' team doctor Homero De Agostino tried to play down the report – made in 1995 after Maradona had been found in a coma – that the player was at risk of dropping dead.

De Agostino said: "I never asked for Maradona to undergo a study of that sort, a nuclear magnetic resonance test, because it did not seem to me that there was any justification for doing it."

A toxicologist, Dr Ricardo Grimson, stated: "I have not ruled out the fear that Diego could suddenly die on a football pitch or walking down the street."

Spain's Rayo Vallecano had been trying to sign Maradona. But the reports from Buenos Aires prompted a fans' demonstration. At Rayo's 3-0 win over Celta Vigo, banners were waved, saying: "We don't want drug addicts – we don't want Maradona."

The last picture show

PORTUGUESE football is mourning the loss of its leading photographer. Nuno Ferrari died from a heart attack on the touchline at the Stadium of Light while covering this year's Portuguese Super Cup between champions FC Porto and Cup-holders Benfica.

His death was all the more poignant for the tragic circumstances. Nuno was a passionate Benfica fan and died as his team was being crushed 5-0 by Porto, who won the first leg 1-0.

Troubled times

MORE trouble in Northern Ireland, where sectarianism is threatening to become part of the local football scene. Local residents formed a barrier to prevent Cliftonville supporters from reaching The Oval for the Ulster Cup semi-final, which Crusaders won 4-0.

The residents claimed that the largely Catholic supporters of Cliftonville sang and chanted abusively and threw missiles on their way to matches at the venue, which is in a strong Protestant area. The match was played in an almost empty stadium.

Badge Business

Football clubs in Israel date back to the formation of the state of Israel in 1948. They all have a common connection – each grew from the youth teams of political groups.

The political differences which dominate this volatile region were reflected in Israel's football teams, but today the links have all but vanished.

The only reminder is the club crests. The Hapoel clubs, who historically came from the left, retain their distinctive hammer and sickle, while the Maccabi clubs incorporate the Star of David, the traditional symbol of Israel.

Hapoel Tel -Aviv

Maccabi Petach-Tikva

Hapoel Kfar-Saba

Maccabi Herzliya

LIP SERVICE

"Kenny [Dalglish] has associates, colleagues, but only a few true friends. There's nothing wrong with that because, at the end of the day, you only need six people to carry your coffin." – Manchester United's Alex Ferguson on his fellow Scot and great rival Kenny Dalglish

"I have never seen anything like this in 30 years. I am managing two teams, Kashiwa Reysol and the hospital team . . . and the hospital team are great." – Kashiwa Reysol Manager Nicanor on the J.League club's injury crisis

"It worries me to know that more people attend rodeos than soccer matches in Brazil. Brazil is the only four-times world champion, but most of its soccer clubs are broke." – Pele laments the current state of the domestic game in Brazil

Rain stopped play

A YOUTH died and 20 people were injured when violence broke out at the National Stadium in Bangladesh.

Vehicles were damaged and shops ransacked as the trouble spread around the ground, with police firing tear-gas shells to restore order.

The trouble arose at a match between Mohammedan and Brothers Union. Both teams refused to play because a downpour had made the pitch so muddy that it was dangerous.

Howard's way out

BRITAIN's Home Secretary, Michael Howard, was upset by graffiti saying 'Howard out' and 'Howard must go' while visiting Yorkshire. The Tory bigwig, no stranger to resignation calls himself, was told that the messages referred to Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, but did not seem reassured – even though the much-maligned Wilko quit two days later.

Nightmare 2002

Sepp Blatter, FIFA's general secretary, is a man with a lot on his mind. He talks exclusively to Keir Radnedge

SEPP BLATTER, FIFA's general secretary and chief executive, is usually the most optimistic of men. But not when it comes to confronting the nightmare scenario created by the joint award of the 2002 World Cup finals to South Korea and Japan.

The two countries are reluctant even to start talking to each other. Then they disagree about the size of the tournament – Japan wants up to 40 finalists, South Korea the projected 32, or even fewer. On top of that, the rest of the Asian Confederation are upset because FIFA has decided that both nations will be seeded direct to the finals, thus reducing qualifying opportunities for their Asian neighbours.

At the moment Blatter is trying to make a politically-driven decision work. But clearly if, in a year's time, no significant progress has been made, FIFA will need to confront the prospect of seeking another host altogether. Hopefully that threat will help persuade Japanese and Koreans to get their joint act together.

Blatter says: "We have talked so much about 2002 that we have almost forgotten the next great football event is, in fact, the World Cup in France in less than two years."

He insists that, after 2002, the World Cup will return to being staged in one country alone. Blatter says: "We are learning to appreciate the reasons for one country even more in this present situation regarding 2002."

He adds: "There is no point in looking back over all the manoeuvring, even the politics of intimidation before the executive committee's meeting in May."

But while it was not easy to take the decision for co-hosting, it will be an even more difficult task to bring it to fruition.

"What with holidays and other engagements it has been difficult enough to arrange even a date and venue for a meeting between the representatives of the two countries who might not be the best of friends.

"And this is even before we come round to consider the substantive issues!"

Finally, FIFA persuaded all sides to agree to November 6 in Zurich for a first official meeting with the FIFA working group which comprises Blatter, senior vice-president Guillermo Canedo from Mexico and Antonio Matarrese from Italy. It cannot help that Canedo is recovering from serious illness while Matarrese has been forced to quit as federation president in Italy, where he faces long and complex legal battles.

Blatter says: "Before November we have separate meetings planned with delegations from Japan and South Korea at which we intend to ask them how they plan to proceed with what we might call 'cohabitation'. It won't be easy. They cannot even agree on the shape of the tournament.

"Japan, for instance, wants perhaps 40 teams in the finals so that they have more matches for their cities – but the Koreans want only the same number of teams and matches because they have envisaged only main main host cities.

"I must say that the countries are not only NOT coming closer, it's quite the opposite. They are moving further apart. This is not the marriage we want."

FIFA has asked the French government to change the law which enforces the use of perimeter fences in football stadia ahead of the 1998 World Cup finals.

General secretary Blatter says: "I have already seen that France will have some of the most beautiful venues for the finals. But I was concerned, when I visited Saint- Etienne, to see such a high fence around the pitch of the Geoffroy-Guichard stadium. It is as if the spectators are prisoners rather than football fans.

"We understand from Michel Platini (French organising joint president) that there is a law in France which makes such fences obligatory. But we saw in England, at Euro 96, how security and the atmosphere should be in stadia. In England, they took down all the fences after the terrible events of Sheffield and the fans responded.

"We have to put our confidence in spectators and then we will not need these high fences. We are looking into the legal situation in France. In December, the executive committee will consider further the security situation at the 1998 World Cup and we hope we will be able to do without fences."

IF FOOTBALL is to continue at the Olympic Games then, on the evidence of Atlanta, both the International Olympic Committee and the national football federations will have to accept compromise.

Blatter says: "Football draws some of the biggest crowds at the Olympics. Therefore our competitors must be made to feel involved in the Games. They need to be in the main city, in the Olympic Village. That is an important experience in the career of an athlete which was denied to our footballers in Atlanta.

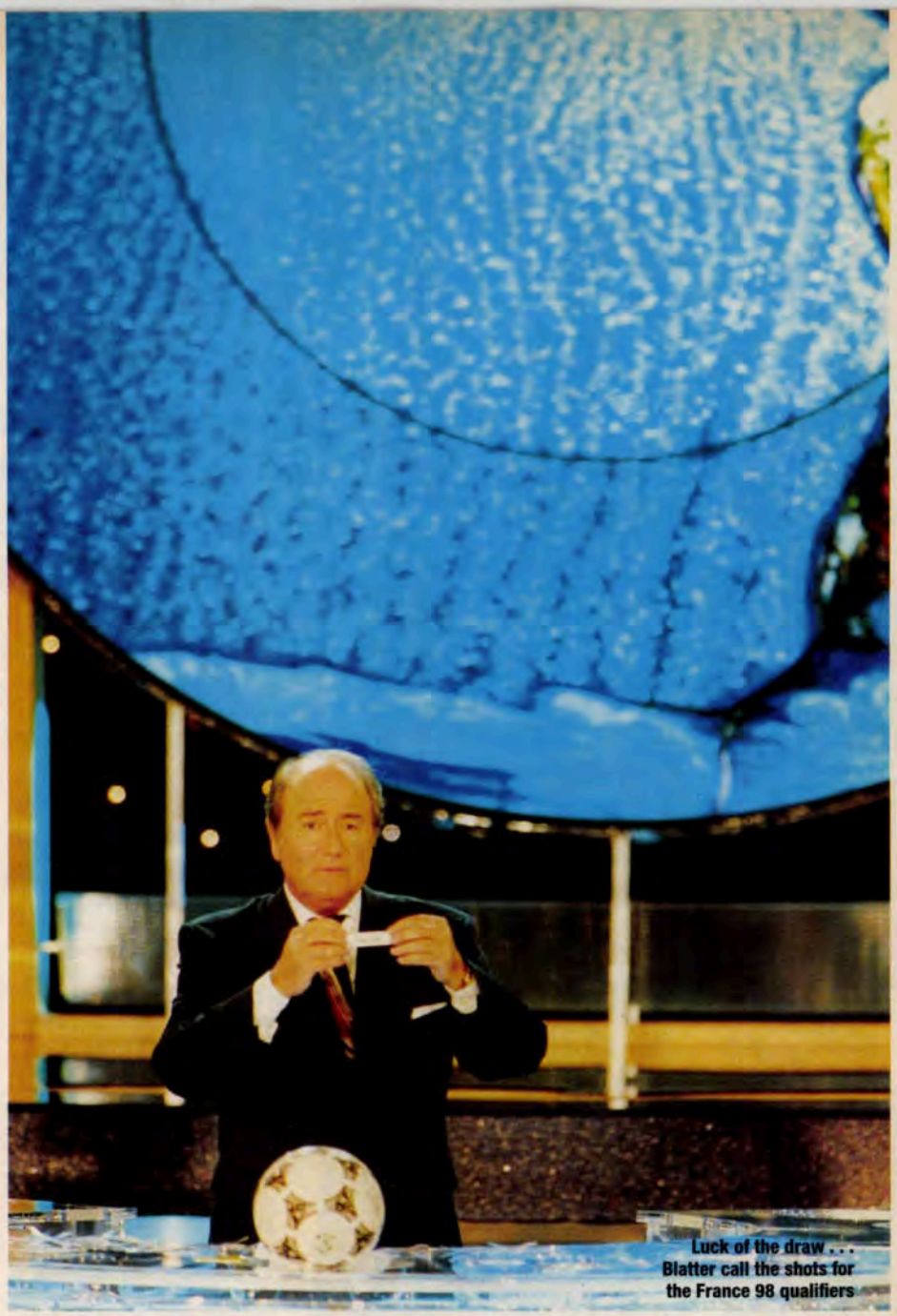
"Instead they were offered accommodation at out-of-town centres. Now, we are talking about highly-paid, even spoiled, young men. The Olympic villages are not luxury, five-star hotels. They are more basic, where the athletes mingle together. Some of the national associations did not like the facilities so they moved their squads out into hotels and training camps of their own choice. But then they were cut off from what we may call 'the Olympic experience.'

"These issues must be addressed. Both sides must work to accept a compromise."

The under-23 age limit will not be changed but the American-designed permit for three over-age players may be scrapped.

A second major problem of the Atlanta Olympics was the match schedule which crushed the first-round groups into one week. Blatter says: "Clearly, this is too much both for the health of the athletes and the quality of the football. It makes much more sense – as they did in Spain – for the football tournament to start several days before the formal opening of the Games."

'I must say that Japan and South Korea are not only NOT coming closer, it's quite the opposite. They are moving further apart. This is not the marriage we want'



Luck of the draw . . . Blatter call the shots for the France 98 qualifiers

Who knows, now that women's football has been accepted, further Olympic tournaments may see matches staged as women's/men's double-headers?

FIFA refuses to accept it had been at fault in negotiating what now appears a virtual giveaway of television rights to the World Cup between 1990 and 1998. "In 1987, when we signed the present television deal with the international consortium," says Sepp Blatter, "the private TV channels were only just starting in business and the semi-public broadcasters were only just opening up to advertising.

"The consortium offered us £25million which was, at that time, an enormous amount for a sports event. We had wanted £100million for the 1990 finals in Italy or £400million for the three remaining World Cups of this century.

"Eventually, when we announced in 1994 that the competitions were worth £170million, everyone applauded.

"It shows how quickly things have changed that when, in July, £650million was offered for the next TV deal for 2002 and £1.5billion for 2006, people were disappointed and complained: 'Can't we do better?' We can't seem to be able to please anyone."

FIFA had various problems along the way. One concerned the 1994 World Cup finals for which the Americans were unable to provide a host broadcaster. Thus FIFA had to contract the EBU to do the job and FIFA and the American organisers, ultimately, had to share footing the bill.

As the pressures of pay-per-view and pay-TV grow, Blatter acknowledges: "We will have to study the changing situation carefully. But we have to maintain a fine balance between the popularity of football and the danger threatened by too much television football. If there is too much football on television then viewers will turn off."

In the meantime, expect the national associations (and confederations) to seek a lower profile . . . because each FA is being guaranteed $1million from the TV profits of each forthcoming World Cup.

Not that the money is being handed out without strings. Blatter says: "A project directorate will be set up. Money will be given to associations only when we have evaluated the projects they intend to finance."

Very wise!

Global

Everyone agrees: world football is suffering a refereering crisis. But what are the answers? Keir Radnedge reports on how three top-level think-tanks tried to find them

- The place: London
- The occasion: UEFA's Euro 96 post-mortem chaired by president Lennart Johansson

SIR BERT MILLICHIP delivered a damning indictment of top-level match officials when he told a gathering of European football's top brains that blunders by referees and, in particular, by linesmen were destroying football as an entertainment.

Millichip explained how he spoke from an unrivalled vantage point, saying: "Before the European Championship finals, I was chairman of the referees' committee and responsible, with two of my colleagues, for picking the referees.

"All the referees on the FIFA list are very experienced, some better than others. The best was the one who refereed the England-Germany semi-final [Sandor Puhl of Hungary] who ignored all the directives from FIFA and UEFA about how to control a match. He also refereed the Final of the last World Cup in the United States. Both then and in the semi-final he was one of the referees who dared use his commen sense."

Millichip delivered a further broadside at the plethora of instructions from on high when he added: "Because of FIFA's demands we are getting far more sending-offs and the entertainment in our game is being completely destroyed.

"People talk a lot about technique and tactical ability. We don't have so much of that in England yet people in Europe say our game is the most exciting they see. If a game ends 3-3 or 4-3 then Joe Public goes away happy. But we are seeing too many mistakes by referees and assistant referees. So many decisions by assistant referees are destroying opportunities or disallowing goals which should be allowed. The entertainment value has been destroyed. Obstruction and shirt-pulling are not being punished in the correct way. We need a fresh interpretation of the offside law. So often defensive tactics find defenders running forward yet before anything has happened the assistant referee's flag goes up.

"It is destroying entertainment and the quality of the game."

UEFA general secretary Gerhard Aigner agreed about the erratic entertainment value of Euro 96 but suggested that was the 'fault' of the absence of the non-European players who enliven a World Cup.

He said: "There was a high skill factor at Euro 96 but the matches were not necessarily so appealing to the public. In fact, the fear of losing was greater in the knock-out stages than in the group matches, so that explains why so many matches went to extra time and penalties."

England's Euro 96 coach, Terry Venables, was critical of the manner in which refereeing control on time-wasting and foul tackles had slipped since USA 94. "At the World Cup, the referees cracked right down on the tackle from behind and unnecessary injury treatment and time-wasting," he said.

"We had seven or eight minutes more play per match. That was giving the game back to attacking players because they then had the confidence to use their skills. But, at Euro 96, we slipped back into old attitudes. We missed an opportunity. But then, to be fair, the 1994 World Cup was a very high standard, a hard act to follow."

Aigner, responding to Venables, suggested it was too much to expect that the hardline interpretations adopted at the 1994 World Cup would have trickled down to the rest of the international game – and the worldwide domestic game – in a mere two years.

As for Sir Bert Millichip, he found an opponent in German federation president Egidius Braun, who complained that too much emphasis was placed on referees' mistakes and not enough on those by players.

Braun, a senior UEFA vice-president, added: "Mistakes by players influence matches much more than mistakes by the officials. We shouldn't be perpetually hammering down on referees when they are only trying to do their best. It's only human to make mistakes and we are all human. Trying to say that one mistaken decision by a referee had cost a club or a federation three or four million pounds is unfair."

Following up on that theme Venables suggested that more positive action should be undertaken to relieve some of the pressure on referees. It was not

solutions

enough merely to upgrade the title of linesmen to that of assistant referee.

Venables said: "We could give them responsibility for time-keeping. Then again, we have line judges in tennis and 'video umpires' in cricket. How do you think Romania felt? They had spent two years qualifying for Euro 96 only to get sent home by the injustice of a ball which bounced down behind the line without a goal being given. It wasn't the referee's fault. From where he was he could not have known whether the ball was over the line or not. But it wouldn't take much to set up a system to cover those situations."

● The Place: FIFA House, Zurich
● The occasion: Talk-in between MICHEL VAUTROT and *WORLD SOCCER* with other members of the European Sports Magazines group

MICHEL VAUTROT, successor to Italian Paolo Casarin as FIFA's favourite refereeing expert, is demanding more support for match officials – from media, managers and players.

Vautrot was one of the world's top referees in the late 1980s and is now French officials' boss. He acknowledges that referees are under more critical scrutiny than ever before and appears ambivalent about the extent to which FIFA's previous drive to professionalise referees can help improve standards.

Vautrot told a round-table discussion with the European Sports Magazines group, that: "Even one mistake by a referee is one mistake too many, But we are not fighting this out on a level playing field. That one mistake can be magnified, slowed down and repeated time and again by television and by talk among fans. That doesn't happen for players. They make many more mistakes in a match than the referee, yet the fans tolerate a player's mistakes.

"The situation is not healthy. But we cannot clean up our act without the support of the media."

Vautrot accepts that pressure on referees has never been greater because of the effect one decision can have in terms of money as well as the players and coaches' jobs. If only on this basis, Vautrot concedes that he is rethinking his long-term suspicion of full-time referees.

He says: "I was always against professional referees. FIFA was too, for many years. But now football teams are better prepared physically than in my day. Also, we didn't have such media coverage. Part-time referees were fine in the past. But nowadays attitudes are changing – and not only within the game. More and more people are losing their jobs in Europe. It is no longer equable for many companies to employ a man who is not always at his desk because of his refereeing duties."

Vautrot is critical of federations which do not invest enough of the huge sums garnered from sponsorship and television in referee development. He says: "One proposal we have considered is that five per cent of all income from such sources should be devoted to refereeing. But they won't. For instance, Paolo Casarin wanted greater investment to help professionalise referees in Italy. But then the clubs said: 'This is costing us a bomb but the refereeing does not appear to be any better.'"

Referees' fitness is a key concern for Vautrot – "the game is getting faster as players' fitness improves. Banning the backpass to the goal-keeper's hands has speeded up the game so has the experiment in some countries of having half a dozen spare footballs around the pitch so that time is not wasted unnecessarily when the ball is kicked into the crowd or into the next street. The game is getting faster so the referees have no alternative – they must get faster, too."

Vautrot believes mistakes were made in refereeing organisation at the 1996 European Championship finals which contributed to a slide from the high standards of the 1994 World Cup. Flying in refereeing 'teams' for their game and then out again dealt effectively with the boredom factor which often unnerves officials staying throughout a World Cup.

But more effort should have been made to bring the chosen officials together to discuss the refereeing as the finals unravelled.

Vautrot is optimistic about the increasing influx of female match officials. He also has an open mind on proposals for a two-referee system and technological aids, though he is firmly against creating two games – "one for the rich professionals and one for the poor amateurs".

In the end, it all depends on the human qualities of the men entrusted with the whistle. Vautrot says: "A referee needs courage. At Euro 96, you saw matches in which referees were under a great deal of pressure. You need a strong personality to control matches like that – men who are brave enough to take the right decisions in the most intimidating atmosphere. Every referee knows that if he gets out a red card then questions will be asked, from one side or another. He must be strong enough to take that decision. But that's down to character. I'm not sure how you coach it into a referee."

'Technology must not come into football, because the arguments will end and without arguments football will die' – Javier Clemente

● The place: Copenhagen
● The occasion: European national coaches' convention

NEW TECHNOLOGY may not be the best way to help referees cope out on the pitch, Spain boss Javier Clemente told UEFA's Copenhagen convention.

He said: "We need perfect referees but where can you find one?"

Indeed, Clemente went further and suggested that football would commit suicide if it attempted to remove all the myth and mystique surrounding the game. He added: "In my opinion, technology must not come into football, because then the arguments will end and without arguments football will die. We would lose the great attraction of football – that a small team can upset a big team."

Such comments were generous considering the manner of Spain's exit from Euro 96 when striker Julio Salinas was apparently wrongly refused a goal against England because of an offside flag. Other debatable decisions included a penalty awarded to the Czech Republic in the Final against Germany when video replays showed that the foul concerned had clearly taken place outside the penalty box.

As for the golden goal, Clemente said: "The golden goal can be a traumatic experience, but then it also has its good side. A replay would be ideal but there isn't space in a major competition."

In general, the coaches considered the golden goal as an ideal illustration of the increased complexity of a national manager's job. Most were against the innovation although a supporter is Dusan Uhrin, coach of the Czech national team beaten in the Final of Euro 96 by just such an expedient. "That's a real paradox," said Andy Roxburgh, UEFA's coaching supremo who had organised the convention, the second of its type.

UEFA general secretary Gerhard Aigner thought that although coaches might dislike the golden goal, players probably preferred it to the risk of missing in a penalty shoot-out. But Aigner added: "We really have to convince teams to decide games in 90 minutes."

Another vexed subject was the release of players for internationals. Ex-France national coach Gerard Houllier suggested that FIFA should apply the five-day rule more strictly.

Roy Hodgson, former Switzerland coach now in charge of Internzionale, warned the game against creating over-optimistic expectations about the standard of football. He said: "You won't see any cavalier football at the highest level when the only thing that counts is the result."

Most popular of the new ideas to improve the working lot of the national manager is the gradual introduction of the 10-day spell in which countries can play two international games instead of one. The move could help both clubs and countries. Players would be freed from their clubs on fewer occasions to play World Cup and European Championship qualifying games instead of being dragged away every four or six weeks.

The story so

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

QUALIFYING ROUND, 1ST LEG (August 7)

BRUGGE 2 (Nielsen 25, Spehar 55)
STEAUA BUCHAREST 2 (Ilie 44, 61)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 14,000. **Ref:** Pedersen (Nor)

GRASSHOPPER ZURICH 5 (Turkyilmaz 11, 47, Esposito 43, Moldovan 60, Koller 88)
SLAVIA PRAGUE 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 9,300. **Ref:** M. Coroado (Por)

IFK GOTHENBURG 3 (Blomqvist 37, Pettersson 50, A Andersson 57)
FERENCVAROS 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,513. **Ref:** Sars (Fra)

MACCABI TEL-AVIV 0
FENERBAHCE 1 (Kemalettin 42)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 26,000. **Ref:** Benko (Aut)

PANATHINAIKOS 1 (Warzycha 19)
ROSENBORG TRONDHEIM 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 35,000. **Ref:** Piroux (Bel)

RANGERS 3 (McInnes 50, McCoist 60, Petric 79)
ALANIA VLADIKAVKAZ 1 (Yanovski 29)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 44,799. **Ref:** Merk (Ger)
Pagayev (Alania) sent off, 63min

RAPID VIENNA 2 (Stumpf 8, Guggi 89)
KIEV DYNAMO 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 29,500. **Ref:** Frisk (Swe)

WIDZEW LODZ 2 (Dembinski 64, Majak 73)
BRONDBY 1 (Bjur 75)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,500. **Ref:** Van der Ende (Hol)

QUALIFYING ROUND, 2ND LEG (August 21)

ALANIA VLADIKAVKAZ 2 (Yanovski 15, Suleimanov 24 pen)
RANGERS 7 (McCoist 1, 14, 19, Van Vossen 40, B Laudrup 55, 83, Miller 87)
HT: 2-3. **Att:** 32,000. **Ref:** Meier (Swi)
Rangers won 10-3 on agg

BRONDBY 3 (P Moller 31, Bjur 44, Vilfort 47)
WIDZEW LODZ 2 (Citko 56, Wojtala 89)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 10,438. **Ref:** Cakar (Tur)
Agg 4-4, Lodz won on away goals

FENERBAHCE 1 (Okechukwo 18)
MACCABI TEL AVIV 1 (Dricks 75)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Vagner (Hun)
Fenerbahce won 2-1 on agg

FERENCVAROS 1 (F Horvath 15)
IFK GOTHENBURG 1 (A Andersson 87)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Garcia Aranda (Spa)
IFK won 4-1 on agg

KIEV DYNAMO 2 (Kalitvintsev 6, Maximov 77)
RAPID VIENNA 4 (Ivanov 23, 42, Kuhbauer 32, Khatskevich og 62)
HT: 1-3. **Att:** 80,000. **Ref:** Muhmenthaler (Swi)
Rapid won 6-2 on agg

ROSENBORG TRONDHEIM 3 (Strand 63, Iversen 95, Heggem 98)
PANATHINAIKOS 0
HT: 0-0. **90min:** 1-0. **Att:** 18,625. **Ref:** Durkin (Eng)
Rosenborg won 3-1 on agg (aet)

SLAVIA PRAGUE 0
GRASSHOPPER ZURICH 1 (Kubilay Turkyilmaz 70)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,012. **Ref:** Nielsen (Den)
Grasshopper won 6-0 on agg

STEAUA BUCHAREST 3 (Adrian Ilie 33, 45, R Nagy 55)
CLUB BRUGGE 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 13,000. **Ref:** Collina (Ita)
Steaua won 5-2 on agg

FIRST MATCHDAY (Sept 11)

GROUP A

AUXERRE 0
AJAX 1 (Litmanen 4)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 18,500. **Ref:** Ceccarini (Ita)
Auxerre: Charbonnier - Goma, West, Zelic, Rabarivony, Lamouchi, Henna, Saib, Tasfaout (Sibierski 78), Laslandes (Marlet 80), Diomede.
Ajax: Van der Sar - Bogarde, Melchiot (Willem 80), F de Boer, Marcio Santos, Juan, Litmanen (Reuser 90), Musampa, Babangida, R de Boer, Overmars (Turpijn 72).

GRASSHOPPER ZURICH 3 (Yakin 18, Turkyilmaz 28, 79)
RANGERS 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Garcia Aranda (Spa)
Grasshopper: Zuberbuhler - Gamperle, Thuler, Gren, Yakin, Esposito (Koller 88), Moldovan, Turkyilmaz (Rzasa 85), Vogel, Magnin (Lombardo 73), Haas.
Rangers: Goram - Cleland (McInnes 60), Albertz, Gough, Petric, Bjorklund, McCall, Gascoigne, McCoist (Van Vossen 69), Durie (Miller 80), B Laudrup.

GROUP B

ATLETICO MADRID 4 (Esnaider 33, 45, Simeone 64, 85)
STEAUA BUCHAREST 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 47,000. **Ref:** Milton Nielsen (Den)
Atletico: Molina - Toni, Solozabal, Santi, Pantic, Simeone, Aguilera (Lopez 69), Kiko (Juan Carlos 63), Geli, Bejbl, Esnaider (Biagini 84).
Steaua: Gherasim - R Nagi, Csik, Bucur, Prodan, Militaru, Calin (Zamfirescu 75), Sabin Ilie (Ciocoiu 53), Baciu*, Rosu, Serban (Nemtanu 90).
** = Baciu sent off, 28min.*

BORUSSIA DORTMUND 2 (Herrlich 45, 68)
WIDZEW LODZ 1 (Citko 84)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 39,600. **Ref:** Ihring (Slovak)
Dortmund: Klos - Sammer, Kohler, Julio Cesar, Reuter, Lambert (Feiersinger 24), Moller, Zorc, Heinrich, Herrlich (Tretschok 77), Chapuisat (But 90).
Widzew: Szezsny - Wojtala, Lapinski, Michalczuk, Szymkowiak (Bajor 73), Majak, Czerwiec, Michalski, Siadaczka (Szarpak 80), Dembinski, Citko.

GROUP C

JUVENTUS 1 (Boksic 34)
MANCHESTER UNITED 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** M. Merk (Ger)
Juventus: Peruzzi - Ferrara, Montero (Iuliano 90), Porrini, Conte, Boksic, Del Piero, Deschamps, Vieri (Amoruso 73), Zidane (Di Livio 78), Pessotto.
Man Utd: Schmeichel - G Neville, Irwin, Johnsen, Pallister, Cantona, Butt, Beckham, Giggs (McClair 46), Jordi Cruyff (Cole 78), Poborsky (Solskjaer 77).

RAPID VIENNA 1 (Stumpf 71)
FENERBAHCE 1 (Bolis 30)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 41,500. **Ref:** Piraux (Belg)
Rapid: Konsel - Guggi (Jovanovic 57), Ivanov, Schottel, Penksa (Stoger 57), Kuhbauer, Prosenik, Lesiak, Wagner (Stumpf 57), Zingler, Heraf.
Fenerbahce: Rustu - Ilker, Okechukwu, J Hogh, Kemalettin, Halil Ibrahim, Tayfun, Bolic, Okocha, Bulent Uygun, Tarik (Tuncay 79).

GROUP D

IFK GOTHENBURG 2 (Erlingmark 38, 49)
ROSENBORG 3 (Jakobsen 32, Iversen 52, Brattbakk 64)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 23,682. **Ref:** Ouzounov (Bul)
IFK: Ravelli - M Johansson, J Olsson (Wahlstedt 72), Lucic, Alexandersson (Martinsson 83), Lindqvist, Nilsson, A Andersson, Blomqvist, Erlingmark, Landberg.
Rosenborg: Jamtfall - Hoftun, Bragstad (Staurvik 73), Stensaas, Strand (Heggem 84), Skammelsrud, Loken, Brattbakk, Jakobsen, Iversen, Soltvedt.

MILAN 2 (Simone 15, Weah 69)
FC PORTO 3 (Artur 53, Jardel 76, 82)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 24,000. **Ref:** Van der Ende (Hol)
Milan: Rossi - Panucci, Galli, Reiziger (Tassotti 40), Maldini, Boban (Eranio 69), Albertini, Desailly, Baggio, Simone, Weah (Davids 71).
Porto: Wozniak - Sergio Conceicao, Lula, Aloisio (Drulovic 73), Edmilson, Jorge Costa, Paulinho Santos, Zahovic, Fernando Mendes, Barroso (Jardel 61), Artur (Rui Barros 86).

2ND MATCHDAY (Sept 25)

GROUP A

AJAX 0
GRASSHOPPER ZURICH 1 (Yakin 60)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 42,000. **Ref:** Benko (Aut)
Ajax: Van der Sar - Marcio Santos, Blind, F de Boer, Bogarde, Juan (Melchiot 68), Litmanen (Wooter 46), Musampa, Babangida (Scholten 75), R de Boer, Overmars.
Grasshopper: Zuberbuehler - Gaemperle, Haas, Gren, Thueler, Lombardo (Koller 89), Murat Yakin, Esposito, Vogel, Moldovan (Smiljanic 90), Magnin (Comisetti 78).

RANGERS 1 (Gascoigne 71)
AUXERRE 2 (Deniaud 55, 69)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 37,344. **Ref:** Krondl (Cze)
Rangers: Goram - Cleland, Albertz, Gough, Bjorklund, Gascoigne, Durie (Ferguson 65), Laudrup, Van Vossen, McInnes, Moore (Andersen 78).
Auxerre: Charbonnier - Goma, Rabarivony, Violeau, Lamouchi, Saib, Diomede, West, Daxjou, Henna, Deniaud (Sibierski 86).

GROUP B

STEAUA BUCHAREST 0
BORUSSIA DORTMUND 3 (Ricken 6, Heinrich 37, Chapuisat 77)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Durkin (Eng)
Steaua: Gherasim (Stelea 46) - Csik, Prodan, Nagy, Serban, Bucur (Zamfirescu 46), Militaru, Filipescu, S Ilie (Rosu 62), Lacatus, Calin.
Dortmund: Klos - Kohler, Reuter, Julio Cesar, Feiersinger, Heinrich, Lambert, Moller (But 86), Zorc, Herrlich (Tretschok 85), Ricken (Chapuisat 75).

WIDZEW LODZ 1 (Citko 45)
ATLETICO MADRID 4 (Pantic 25, Simeone 32, 58, Kiko 60)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Frisk (Swe)
Widzew: Szczesny - Wojtala, Bajor, Bogusz, Szymkowiak (Zajac 76), Michalski, Szarpak (Wyciszkiewicz 12; Miaszkiewicz 62), Michalczuk, Citko, Dembinski, Majak.
At. Madrid: Molina - Toni, Solozabal, Santi, Aguilera (Lopez 74), Geli,

far

The latest results from the UEFA Champions League and the World Cup 98 qualifiers. Coming next month: the complete guide to the World Cup 98 contenders

Pantic, Simeone (Pablo 77), Bejbl, Esnaider, Kiko (Roberto 81).

GROUP C

FENERBAHCE 0
JUVENTUS 1 (Boksic 22)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 29,000. **Ref:** Muhmenthaler (Swi)
Fenerbahce: Rustu - Ilker, Okechukwu, Hogh, Kemalettin, Halil Ibrahim, Tuncay (Erol 81), Elvir Bolic, Okacha, Bulent, Tarik (Benhur 88).
Juventus: Rampulla - Ferrara, Montero, Porrini, Pessotto, Conte, Boksic, Del Piero (Tacchinardi 83), Deschamps, Vieri (Padovano 59), Zidane (Di Livio 71).

MANCHESTER UTD 2 (Solskjaer 20, Beckham 27)
RAPID VIENNA 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 51,831. **Ref:** Harrel (Fra)
Man Utd: Schmeichel - Neville, Irwin, Johnsen (May 19), Pallister, Cantona, Beckham, Giggs, Poborsky (Butt 79), Keane, Solskjaer (Cole 74).
Rapid: Konsel - Ivanov, Schottel, Stoger (Barisic 63), Kuehbauer, Prosenik, Lesiak, Ratajczyk, Wagner (Stumpf 63), Zingler (Jovanovic 72), Heraf.

GROUP D

FC PORTO 2 (Artur Oliveira 27, 51)
IFK GOTHENBURG 1 (Jorge Costa 72 og)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Cakar (Tur)
Porto: Wosniak - Sergio Conceicao, Jorge Costa, Lula, Rui Jorge, Aloisio, Fernando Mendes, Paulinho Santos, Edmilson (Folha 67), Jardel (Drulovic 83), Artur Oliveira.
IFK: Ravelli - J Olsson, Lucic, Alexandersson, S Pettersson (M Martinsson 83), Lindqvist, M Nilsson, A Andersson, Blomqvist, Erlingmark, Landberg.

ROSENBORG 1 (Soltvedt 16)
MILAN 4 (Simone 6, 23, 25, Weah 56)
HT: 1-3. **Att:** 20,849. **Ref:** Elleray (Eng)
Rosenborg: Jamtfall - Loeken, Hoftun, Bragstad (Staurvik 34), Stensaas, Strand (Heggem 81), Skammelsrud, Soltvedt, Jakobsen (Kvarme 77), Brattbakk, Iversen.
Milan: Rossi - Panucci, Costacurta, Desailly, Maldini, Davids, Albertini, Ambrosini, Savicevic (Eranio 42), Weah, Simone (Baggio 73).

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WORLD CUP – 1998

EUROPE

GROUP 1

24.04.96	Greece v Slovenia 2-0
01.09.96	Greece v Bosnia 3-0
01.09.96	Slovenia v Denmark 0-2
09.10.96	Denmark v Greece
09.10.96	Bosnia v Croatia
09.11.96	Slovenia v Bosnia
10.11.96	Croatia v Greece

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Greece	2	2	0	0	5	0	6
Denmark	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Croatia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Slovenia	2	0	0	2	0	4	0
Bosnia	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

GROUP 2

01.09.96	Moldova v England 0-3
05.10.96	Moldova v Italy 1-3
09.10.96	Italy v Georgia
09.10.96	England v Poland
09.11.96	Georgia v England
10.11.96	Poland v Moldova

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Italy	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Poland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Moldova	2	0	0	2	1	6	0

GROUP 3

02.06.96	Norway v Azerbaijan 5-0
31.08.96	Azerbaijan v Switzerland 1-0
01.09.96	Hungary v Finland 1-0
06.10.96	Finland v Switzerland 2-3
09.10.96	Norway v Hungary
10.11.96	Switzerland v Norway
10.11.96	Azerbaijan v Hungary

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Hungary	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Switzerland	2	1	0	1	3	3	3
Azerbaijan	2	1	0	1	1	5	3
Finland	2	0	0	2	2	4	0

GROUP 4

01.06.96	Sweden v Byelorussia 5-1
31.08.96	Austria v Scotland 0-0
31.08.96	Byelorussia v Estonia 1-0
01.09.96	Latvia v Sweden 1-2
05.10.96	Latvia v Scotland 0-2
05.10.96	Estonia v Byelorussia 1-0
09.10.96	Sweden v Austria
09.10.96	Estonia v Scotland
09.10.96	Byelorussia v Latvia
09.11.96	Austria v Latvia
10.11.96	Scotland v Sweden

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sweden	2	2	0	0	7	2	6
Scotland	2	1	1	0	2	0	4
Estonia	2	1	0	1	1	1	3
Byelorussia	3	1	0	2	2	6	3
Austria	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Latvia	2	0	0	2	1	4	0

GROUP 5

01.09.96	Israel v Bulgaria 2-1
01.09.96	Russia v Cyprus 4-0
08.10.96	Luxembourg v Bulgaria
09.10.96	Israel v Russia
10.11.96	Cyprus v Israel
10.11.96	Luxembourg v Russia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Russia	1	1	0	0	4	0	3
Israel	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Luxembourg	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bulgaria	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Cyprus	1	0	0	1	0	4	0

GROUP 6

24.04.96	Yugoslavia v Faroe Islands 3-1
02.06.96	Yugoslavia v Malta 6-0
31.08.96	Faroe Islands v Slovakia 1-2
04.09.96	Faroe Islands v Spain 2-6
18.09.96	Czech Republic v Malta 6-0
22.09.96	Slovakia v Malta 6-0
06.10.96	Faroe Islands v Yugoslavia 1-8
09.10.96	Czech Republic v Spain
23.10.96	Slovakia v Faroe Islands
10.11.96	Yugoslavia v Czech Republic
13.11.96	Spain v Slovakia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	3	3	0	0	17	2	9
Slovakia	2	2	0	0	8	1	6
Czech Republic	1	1	0	0	6	0	3
Spain	1	1	0	0	6	2	3
Faroe Islands	4	0	0	4	5	19	0
Malta	3	0	0	3	0	18	0

GROUP 7

02.06.96	San Marino v Wales 0-5
31.08.96	Wales v San Marino 6-0
31.08.96	Belgium v Turkey 2-1
05.10.96	Wales v Holland 1-3
09.10.96	San Marino v Belgium
09.11.96	Holland v Wales
10.11.96	Turkey v San Marino

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	3	2	0	1	12	3	6
Holland	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Belgium	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Turkey	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
San Marino	2	0	0	2	0	11	0

GROUP 8

24.04.96	Macedonia v Liechtenstein 3-0
01.06.96	Iceland v Macedonia 1-1
31.08.96	Liechtenstein v Rep. Ireland 0-5
31.08.96	Romania v Lithuania 3-0
05.10.96	Lithuania v Iceland 2-0
09.10.96	Iceland v Romania
09.10.96	Rep. Ireland v Macedonia
09.10.96	Lithuania v Liechtenstein
09.11.96	Liechtenstein v Macedonia
10.11.96	Rep. Ireland v Iceland

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Macedonia	2	1	1	0	4	1	4
Rep. Ireland	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Romania	1	1	0	0	3	0	3
Lithuania	2	1	0	1	2	3	3
Iceland	2	0	1	1	1	3	1
Liechtenstein	2	0	0	2	0	8	0

GROUP 9

31.08.96	Northern Ireland v Ukraine 0-1
31.08.96	Armenia v Portugal 0-0
05.10.96	Northern Ireland v Armenia 1-1
05.10.96	Ukraine v Portugal 2-1
09.10.96	Armenia v Germany
09.10.96	Albania v Portugal
09.11.96	Germany v Northern Ireland
09.11.96	Portugal v Ukraine
09.11.96	Albania v Armenia

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ukraine	2	2	0	0	3	1	6
Armenia	2	0	2	0	1	1	2
Northern Ireland	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Portugal	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Albania	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Germany	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

ASIA

FIRST ROUND

GROUP 10
(IN DOHA, QATAR)

20.09.96	Qatar v Sri Lanka 3-0
21.09.96	India v Philippines 2-0
23.09.96	Qatar v Philippines 5-0
24.09.96	Sri Lanka v India 1-1
26.09.96	Philippines v Sri Lanka 0-3
27.09.96	Qatar v India 6-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
QATAR	3	3	0	0	14	0	9
Sri Lanka	3	1	1	1	4	4	4
India	3	1	1	1	3	7	4
Philippines	3	0	0	3	0	10	0

Group winners advance

CONCACAF

SEMI-FINAL ROUND

GROUP 2

30.08.96	Canada v Panama 3-1
08.09.96	Cuba v El Salvador 0-5
22.09.96	Panama v Cuba 1-3
06.10.96	Panama v El Salvador
10.10.96	Canada v Cuba
13.10.96	Cuba v Canada
27.10.96	Panama v Canada
03.11.96	Canada v El Salvador
10.11.96	El Salvador v Panama
01.12.96	El Salvador v Cuba
15.12.96	El Salvador v Canada
15.12.96	Cuba v Panama

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
El Salvador	1	1	0	0	5	0	3
Canada	1	1	0	0	3	1	3
Cuba	2	1	0	1	3	6	3
Panama	2	0	0	2	2	6	0

GROUP 3

15.09.96	Jamaica v Honduras 3-0
15.09.96	St Vincent v Mexico 0-3
21.09.96	Honduras v Mexico 2-1
23.09.96	St Vincent v Jamaica 1-2
16.10.96	St Vincent v Honduras
27.10.96	Mexico v Jamaica
30.10.96	Mexico v St Vincent
06.11.96	Mexico v Honduras
10.11.96	Jamaica v St Vincent
17.11.96	Jamaica v Mexico
17.11.96	Honduras v St Vincent

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Jamaica	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Mexico	2	1	0	1	4	2	3
Honduras	2	1	0	1	2	4	3
St Vincent	2	0	0	2	1	5	0

OCEANIA

FIRST ROUND

MELANESIAN GROUP (AT LAE, PAPUA NG)

16.09.96	Papua NG v Solomon Islands ... 1-1
20.09.96	Solomon Islands v Vanuatu 1-1
22.09.96	Papua NG v Vanuatu 2-1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
PAPUA NG	2	1	1	0	3	2	4
Solomon Islands	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Vanuatu	2	0	1	1	2	3	1

SOUTH AMERICA

ROUND-ROBIN

24.04.96	Argentina v Bolivia 3-1
24.04.96	Venezuela v Uruguay 0-2
24.04.96	Colombia v Paraguay 1-0
24.04.96	Ecuador v Peru 4-1
02.06.96	Ecuador v Argentina 2-0
02.06.96	Uruguay v Paraguay 0-2
02.06.96	Venezuela v Chile 1-1
02.06.96	Peru v Colombia 1-1
06.07.96	Chile v Ecuador 4-1
07.07.96	Peru v Argentina 0-0
07.07.96	Colombia v Uruguay 3-1
07.07.96	Bolivia v Venezuela 6-1
01.09.96	Argentina v Paraguay 1-1
01.09.96	Colombia v Chile 4-1
01.09.96	Ecuador v Venezuela 1-0
01.09.96	Bolivia v Peru 0-0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Colombia	4	3	1	0	9	3	10
Ecuador	4	3	0	1	8	5	9
Argentina	4	1	2	1	4	4	5
Bolivia	3	1	1	1	7	4	4
Paraguay	3	1	1	1	3	2	4
Chile	3	1	1	1	6	6	4
Uruguay	3	1	0	2	3	5	3
Peru	4	0	3	1	2	5	3
Venezuela	4	0	1	3	2	10	1

09.10.96	Venezuela v Argentina
09.10.96	Uruguay v Bolivia
09.10.96	Ecuador v Colombia
09.10.96	Paraguay v Chile
10.11.96	Chile v Uruguay
10.11.96	Bolivia v Colombia
10.11.96	Paraguay v Ecuador
10.11.96	Peru v Venezuela

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Paddy Agnew on a club with its sights set on a European prize

FIORENTINA were the revelation of last season, not only being the only side to give Milan a real run for their money in the title contest (for two months either side of Christmas, they were only one point behind) but also winning the Italian Cup. That victory indicates the shape of Fiorentina things to come.

Even though most pundits include them in the elite of title challengers, Fiorentina are likely to concentrate on their Cup-winners Cup campaign, for the good reason that victory there is more easily come by.

It may say something about Fiorentina's intentions that they were the Serie A side to ring the fewest changes this summer, buying only four players, and only the ex-Cagliari pair, Brazilian striker Oliveira and defender Aldo Firicano, could be considered first choices. Fiorentina did, however, shell out £2.5million to Milan for their 'half' of their talented goalkeeper, Francesco Toldo.

Recent times have not been all rosy. In 1993, the club were relegated to Division Two for the first time since 1938.

Two names dominate the recent revival: club owner Vittorio Cecchi Gori and Argentinian striker and captain Gabriel Batistuta. Cecchi Gori has put the resources of his TV/cinema empire at the disposal of the club, buying important players like Rui Costa, Stefan Schwarz and Toldo, as well as appointing coach Claudio Ranieri.

More importantly, perhaps, Cecchi Gori has exercised control over his own volatile disposition, leaving Ranieri at his post for three full seasons, in which the ex-Cagliari and ex-Napoli coach has put together a useful side. Batistuta's contribution is only too obvious. Not only has he scored 74 Serie A goals in four seasons but he has developed into a real team leader, such a dominant presence that Fiorentina's ups and downs seem intimately linked to his state of form and fitness.

Batistuta is such a dominant presence that Fiorentina's ups and downs seem intimately linked to his form and fitness

Indeed, Fiorentina's apparent dependency on Batistuta constitutes the single biggest question mark about the side. Fiorentina appeared to begin the season well when defeating Milan 2-1 in the Italian SuperCup, prompting fans to dream again of championship success (Fiorentina have won only two titles, in 1956 and 1969). Then aspirations were quickly revised by a poor League start with a 4-2 home loss to Vicenza and a 2-2 away draw to Atalanta.

Those initial results are all the more reason to suggest that Fiorentina's real objective this season will be the Cup-winners' Cup.

Purple heartthrob . . . Gabriel Batistuta is a hero at the Artemio Franchi stadium *(right)*

The Squad

Luis Oliveira

GOALKEEPERS

Francesco TOLDO
2.12.71. Squad No: 1. Second-choice Italian goalkeeper behind Angelo Peruzzi of Juventus. A key figure in the Fiorentina side of the last three seasons. At 1.96m (6ft 5in), he has an obvious height advantage yet he remains quick and agile, while his greatest asset is probably a cool head and steady nerve.

Gian Matteo MAREGGINI
8.1.67. No. 22. An ex-Fiorentina youth team player of the mid-1980s, and first choice for three Serie A seasons from 1990 to 1993, but his rating suffered in the general debacle of the 1993 relegation. Reliable reserve.

DEFENDERS

Lorenzo AMORUSO
28.6.71. No. 5. Centre-back. Ever-present marker of the rugged centre-half variety. While the defence may take on different permutations around him, he seems likely to remain because of his man-to-man marking abilities.

Daniele CARNASCIALI
6.9.66. No. 2. Right-back. Now in his fifth season with Fiorentina, Carnasciali is an ever-present journeymen. Often called on to join the attack in the classic overlapping style.

Rui Costa

Aldo FIRICANO
12.3.67. No 6. Sweeper. Bought from Cagliari as part of the Oliveira deal, having played under coach Ranieri for three seasons there. A sweeper in the classic mould, but his arrival will cause musical chairs in defence. Whatever the formation, he is likely to start.

Pasquale PADALINO
26.7.72. No. 19. Centre-back. Talented ex-Foggia player whose early-season absence through injury already has cost the club dear. Padalino's biggest problem this season will be the defensive reshuffle prompted by the need to find a role for sweeper Aldo Firicano.

Vittorio PUSCEDDU
12.2.64. No. 17. Left-back. Also bought from Cagliari during the summer dealings, and – like Firicano – well known to Ranieri. A very left-footed player, whose experience will make him a handy reserve.

Michele SERENA
10.3.70. No. 3. Left-back. Former Venice, Juventus, Monza, Verona and Sampdoria player who came to Fiorentina last season. Diligent and reliable but by no means certain of his place in a defensive line-up which may change formation from game to game.

MIDFIELDERS

Giovanni PIACENTINI
9.4.68. No. 4. A former Modena, Padova and AS Roma player. The chaser and fetcher of the Fiorentina midfield, the man called on to cover the gaps left by the talented Portuguese midfielder Rui Costa.

Sandro COIS
9.6.72. No. 14. Former Under-21 international and Torino player whose versatility helps him switch from defence to midfield but who still manages to get in on the attacking action.

Massimo ORLANDO
26.5.71. No. 18. Talented attacking midfielder good enough to join Milan two seasons ago. On a comeback following a serious knee injury which ruled him out for most of last season.

Emiliano BIGICA
4.9.73. No. 20. Regular team member last season. Ex-Foggia player Bigica provides central defensive bite. Sure to play a big part in the Fiorentina season.

Stefan SCHWARZ (Swe)
18.4.69. No. 7. Many believe that Schwarz's arrival at Fiorentina last year provides one of the explanations for the side's successful season. the Swedish international's experience (he is a former Arsenal, Benfica and IFK Gothenburg player) and all-round covering work mean that he remains one of the 'Untouchables' in Ranieri's ideal selection.

Manuel RUI COSTA (Por)
29.3.72. No. 10. Portuguese international who moved to Florence from Benfica in 1994. The only midfielder with a 'free role', Rui Costa is the man called on to provide Batistuta with finely tuned amunition. Although he was regularily substituted last season (usually in the second half and always to his annoyance), that does not mean Ranieri underestimates the vital contribution made by his attacking creative play.

FORWARDS

Francesco BAIANO
24.2.68. No. 8. Oliveira's arrival may complicate life for Baiano who, in theory, will only get a game if either Oliveira or Batistuta is ruled out by injury or suspension. On the other hand, Fiorentina occasionally may abandon 4-4-2 to play all three men in attack.

Anselmo ROBBIATI
1.1.70. No. 23. A talented 'Super Sub' with tremendous dribbling and shooting skills. Seems destined for another season as second-half substitute for Oliveira and Batistuta.

Marco VENDRAME
4.6.7.7. No. 21. Youth team talent who made League debut in 2-2 draw away to Atalanta on the second day of the 1996-97 season.

LUIS Barroso OLIVEIRA (Bel)
24.3.69. No. 11. Brazilian-born, Belgian-naturalised Oliveira has been one of the best strikers in Serie A over the last four seasons, scoring 41 goals for Cagliari. His pace, his dribbling skills, his past record and his immediate understanding with Batistuta all suggest that he will prove well worth his £5.5million price tag.

Gabriel BATISTUTA
1.2.69. No. 9. 'Captain Courageous', 'Batigol', 'The Uncrowned King Of Florence' – call him what you may, Batistuta remains the single most important player in the side. Once considered a 'blaster', a striker whose greatest asset was the explosive nature of his finishing, but has become a more complete player whose repertoire now includes precise free-kick marksmanship.

Carry on surviving

Paddy Agnew on the reasons why Italy coach Arrigo Sacchi is still in office

ARRIGO SACCHI may be in for a long, lonely winter. In the wake of Italy's disappointing first-round exit from Euro 96 and a less than convincing victory in Moldova in the first World Cup qualifier, one question and one alone hangs over the Italian coach. How long can he hang on?

In a normal (non-Italian) world, of course, Sacchi would have been dismissed from his post long ago. The contracts of national team managers, in Italy as elsewhere, usually have an expiry date that coincides with a forthcoming World Cup or European Championship finals tournament. In other words, if the team disappoints in such a tournament, then the coach's contract may well not be renewed.

Not so with Sacchi. He went to England this summer with a contract not due to expire until the France 98 World Cup, rather than Euro 96.

Disastrous results or not, Sacchi still had two years of his contract to run and, despite nationwide exhortation from just about every available media pulpit that he should resign, our Arrigo quietly made it clear that, like Pope John Paul II, he had no intention of abdicating.

Sacchi's tenure in the job was aided and abetted by two things.

Firstly, there was the unseemly in-house Italian Federation squabble in August which resulted in the failure to elect a new president in succession to Antonio Mataresse (Sacchi's greatest sponsor and accordingly ousted because of the Euro 96 failure). That mid-summer internecine feud resulted in the short-term (perhaps for one year) appointment of a Commissioner General, Raffaele Pagnozzi.

The other factor to work in Sacchi's favour was the simple matter of lire. Sacchi is currently on a mega-contract worth an annual $1.07million (after tax). Commissioner Pagnozzi immediately pointed out that it would be an act of economic madness to dismiss Sacchi but still have to pay his salary and, at the same time, that of his successor.

Moral of the tale – you can't sack Sacchi, and given that he has no intention of walking, then Italian fans and media will still have him to kick around for another winter.

Given all that had gone before, one might have expected Sacchi to adopt a 'softly, softly' approach when he finally re-emerged from hiding and new-house building in his native Fusignano to (reluctantly) face his first post-England news conference in early September.

Not so with Arrigo. He came out fighting, arguing that there were positive aspects to Italy's European Championship debacle, saying: "My biggest mistake was not to pick up on the drop in athletic tension the side had after the opening win against Russia. Our concentration wasn't right and I did nothing to correct this.

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Ma questo Sacchi non ha capito nulla

Sacchi under fire . . . *Gazzette dello Sport* was fierce in its criticism of recent comments from the Italian coach. Its headline ran: But this Sacchi, He's Learned Nothing

Down and out . . . a dejected Casiraghi takes a breather during Euro 96

"As far as our soccer was concerned we were second to none, yet as far as our mental attitude goes, we were inferior."

Sacchi then went on to remind his critics that he was still the coach of the beaten World Cup finalists of 1994; that his side had lost only one game in 10 in the last year; that he had never thought of resigning; that some of his critics were merely "word traders"; that he had received many messages of support; and that he had no intention of changing his tactical, technical or mental approach to managing the Italian team. All of which went down very unpleasantly indeed, thank you very much, Arrigo.

Next day, *Gazzetta Dello Sport* thundered back with a seven-column, front-page headline: "But This Sacchi, He's Learned Nothing."

The same paper went on to comment in an angry front-page leader: "Sacchi continues to behave as if the Italian team were his own toy. That's not the case. Among the many, too many things that Sacchi has failed to understand, there is the consideration that the Italian team belongs to us all. But he, however, has nothing to share with the world, except a limitless arrogance that is daily more insufferable."

There was more criticism after the poor show in Moldova. Italy won 3-1 but the media fired a volley of abuse at Sacchi for what was a patchy performance. Fabrizio Ravanelli put Italy ahead after eight minutes, only for Moldova to equalise two minutes later.

Sacchi later acknowledged that his decision to experiment with a three-man attack, reducing his midfield from four to three, was a mistake.

Sacchi said: "We must look at the positive aspects – the victory itself and the fact that we continued to look for a goal when we were 3-1 up."

But he added: "I'd like to apologise to our fans. We have taken a step backwards."

From here on, it seems, Sacchi can count on fiercely hostile media treatment. There is little doubt that he intends to stick to the tried and true group that he took with him to England. In other words, there seems little hope of a recall for Luca Vialli (Chelsea), Roberto Baggio (Milan) or Giuseppe Signori (Lazio).

Only injury, age, loss of form or under-utilisation by their clubs will rule out Euro 96 squad members such as defenders Roberto Mussi, Antonio Benarrivo and Luigi Apolloni, and midfielder Roberto Donadoni.

Further, Sacchi made clear that key figures in his side of the last 12 months, such as Roberto Di Matteo (Chelsea) and Fabrizio Ravanelli (Middlesbrough) have not lost their squad places merely by making the historic trek to English soccer.

All of which means that Sacchi's Italy should have a very familiar 4-4-2 look about it, with few new names.

When he comes to analyse the group, Sacchi has no doubts that his biggest difficulties will come not against the strongest opponents, namely England and Poland, but rather from Italy's historic difficulties against 'minor' sides.

He says: "If we take Georgia and Moldova for granted and drop points, we cannot then think that we'll make them up against England or Poland. That way we risk another elimination."

ITALY RESULTS SINCE USA 94

Date	Opponents		Result	Venue
7.9.94	Slovenia (ECQ)	D	1-1	Maribor
8.10.94	Estonia (ECQ)	W	2-0	Tallinn
16.11.94	Croatia (ECQ)	L	1-2	Palmero
21.12.94	Turkey (ECQ)	W	3-1	Pescara
25.3.95	Estonia (ECQ)	W	4-1	Salerno
29.3.95	Ukraine (ECQ)	W	2-0	Kiev
26.4.95	Lithuania (ECQ)	W	1-0	Vilnius
19.6.95	Switzerland	W	1-0	Lausanne
21.6.95	Germany	L	0-2	Zurich
6.9.95	Slovenia (ECQ)	W	1-0	Udine
8.10.95	Croatia (ECQ)	D	1-1	Split
11.11.95	Ukraine (ECQ)	W	3-1	Bari
15.11.95	Lithuania (ECQ)	W	4-0	Reggio Emilia
24.1.96	Wales	W	3-0	Terni
29.5.96	Belgium	D	2-2	Cremona
1.6.96	Hungary	W	2-0	Budapest
11.6.96	Russia (ECF)	W	2-1	Liverpool
14.6.96	Czech Republic (ECF)	L	1-2	Liverpool
19.6.96	Germany (ECF)	D	0-0	Manchester
5.10.96	Moldova (WCQ)	W	3-1	Chisinau

(ECQ) = European Championship qualifier (WCQ) = World Cup qualifier
(ECF) = European Championship finals

WORLD CUP 98 QUALIFIERS

9.10.96	Georgia	Italy
12.2.97	England	Wembley
29.3.97	Moldova	Italy
02.4.97	Poland	Poland
30.4.97	Poland	Italy
10.9.97	Georgia	Georgia
11.11.97	England	Italy

- Record since USA 94: Played 19, won 12, drawn 4, lost 3, goals scored 34, goals conceded 14. An average score of 73.68%, the best in Europe after Germany, Spain and France.
- Italy's match against Croatia in November 1994 was the first meeting of the two countries since 1942 when the Italians won 4-0 with all the goals within 13 minutes.
- Switzerland have been Italy's most frequent opponents. In Lausanne in June 1995, the teams met for the 52nd time. Italy lead with 26 wins to Switzerland's eight and with a goal difference of 101-64.
- Italy have been unbeaten against Hungary since 1965, but their biggest defeat is still against the Magyars, who thrashed them 7-1 in 1924. The Italians' first-ever defeat was also at the hands of Hungary, 6-1 in 1910.

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THE SQUAD

Name	Club	Pos	Birthdate	Caps	Goals
Luca BUCCI	Parma	G	13.3.69	3	0
Angelo PERUZZI	Juventus	G	16.2.70	11	0
Francesco TOLDO	Fiorentina	G	2.12.71	4	0
Amedo CARBONI	Roma	D	6.4.65	15	0
Alessandro COSTACURTA	Milan	D	24.4.66	40	2
Ciro FERRARA	Juventus	D	11.2.67	32	0
Paolo MALDINI	Milan	D	26.6.68	72	4
Alessandro NESTA	Lazio	D	19.3.76	1	0
Gianluca PESSOTTO	Juventus	D	11.8.70	1	0
Moreno TORRICELLI	Juventus	D	23.1.70	4	0
Demetrio ALBERTINI	Milan	M	23.8.71	39	2
Dino BAGGIO	Parma	M	24.7.71	31	7
Antonio CONTE	Juventus	M	31.7.69	7	0
Angelo DI LIVIO	Juventus	M	26.7.66	8	0
Roberto DI MATTEO	Lazio	M	29.5.70	16	0
Diego FUSER	Lazio	M	11.11.68	8	0
Fabio ROSSITTO	Udinese	M	21.9.71	0	0
Alessandro DEL PIERO	Juventus	F	9.11.74	11	2
Enrico CHIESA	Sampdoria	F	29.12.70	4	2
Pierluigi CASIRAGHI	Lazio	F	4.3.69	35	11
Fabrizio RAVANELLI	Juventus	F	11.12.68	12	7
Gianfranco ZOLA	Parma	F	5.7.68	24	8

ITALY

Top two set the pace again

Paddy Agnew on a familiar story in the race for the 1996-97 Scudetto

THE WHITE flag was raised, the stalls opened and the runners had gone barely a furlong before it became apparent that already the two most famous names in Italian soccer were out in front.

The 1996-97 season has begun as it may well end, under the influence of the country's Big Two – Juventus and Milan.

Champions Milan had appeared to offer some hope to their rivals when losing twice in one week – 3-2 at home to FC Porto in the Champions League and 2-1 away to Sampdoria in Serie A. Immediately questions were being asked about the Milan 'mentality' with even as authorative a pundit as the club's boss, Silvio Berlusconi, wondering if his talented boys had lost some of their hunger for the game.

Wins against Bologna and Perugia in the League and above all against Rosenborg, thrashed 4-1 in a Champions League game in Trondheim, provided an emphatic answer, suggesting that all is still well at Milanello and that Milan, as ever, remain the side everyone must beat.

One aspect of the improvement in Milan form concerned a simple tactical decision by their new coach, the Uruguyan Oscar Tabarez. After tinkering around with a three-man attack that included Roberto Baggio along with Marco Simone and Liberian George Weah, Tabarez eventually decided that Milan's purposes were best served by the four-man midfield model, where they guarantee extra cover for a defence who had to play the first six weeks of the season without inspirational veteran Franco Baresi.

The upshot of this was that Tabarez had to choose between his three attackers, and dropped Baggio. Given the tremendous form of both Simone and Weah (the Liberian already has the goal of the season competition wrapped up after a wonder-goal against Verona), nobody could argue. Furthermore, Tabarez believes that with such as Zvonimir Boban and Dejan Savicevic available to add a blend of creativity and solidity to midfield, then Baggio becomes superfluous. Again, many would understand the decision.

Nonetheless, the bottom line is that one of the most creative talents in Italian or indeed world soccer is left to warm his expensive behind on the bench. The mid-summer, pre-season promises of 'entertaining' soccer lasted only the length of a September evening shadow before real-politik considerations over midfield work-rate took over.

You do not need to be an Einstein to conclude that Baggio is less than pleased with the prevailing situation. Despite declarations from the Milan high and mighty, Berlusconi included, that Baggio is not for sale, the Little Prince of Italian soccer could be on his way out before the season ends.

While Milan were stumbling against Porto and Sampdoria, Juventus got off to a tremendous start, not only picking up maximum points in all their League games but also winning their first two Champions League ties.

The 1-0 defeat of Manchester United at the Stadio Delle Alpi, in only the second week of the Italian season, was especially impressive. In a game in which the final scoreline flattered the losers, United spent most of the first half vainly trying to identify the precise locality of the ball, while non-English commentators spent the match establishing if Eric Cantona was actually playing.

Juventus went on from there to register a workmanlike 1-0 away win against Fenerbahce before rounding off the first month of the season in style by defeating Fiorentina 1-0 at home to go top of the League, a point clear of Milan.

"Even if it's true that you never go top of the table by accident, we've still played only four games so far and that's not enough to start making plans, and all the big sides have yet to reach their best," said a pleased but cautious Juventus coach Marcello Lippi on his club's position.

The first round of European competition proved largely successful for Italian clubs, with six out of seven passing the test. The odd ones out were Parma, who within a month collected an unenviable double, being eliminated from the UEFA Cup by Vitoria Guimares and from the Italian Cup by Second Divison Pescara.

New Parma coach Carlo Ancelotti won no marks for originality with his observation: "The title remains our only target. We're not obliged to win it but we'd better give it a good try."

They, promptly lost 2-1 to Lazio three days after their UEFA Cup elimination. Stand by for tough times at Parma.

Other sides in trouble were Sampdoria and Perugia, eliminated from the Italian Cup by lower-division Genoa and Nocerina respectively. Sampdoria's president Enrico Mantovani offering to refund money to fans.

"Tonight we played very badly, like a side from I don't know what division," he said. "Everything is now up for discussion and when I say everything, I mean the coach, his assistant, the squad and the team directors."

For Luciano Gaucci, owner of Perugia, the 2-1 defeat by Third Division opposition did not improve his overall frame of mind. He said: "From now on the team and the coach had better answer with actions. As far as [coach] Galeone is concerned, he can pick the side he wants just as long as he remains coach of Perugia. But let one thing be clear. His position has been greatly weakened."

Standby for further tough times at Perugia and Sampdoria.

Ultra story drags on

THE judicial inquiry involving nine Roma fans, accused of a variety of offences including extortion, theft and menacing behaviour towards club officials and journalists, continues.

The fans, all well-known Ultras, were put under house arrest in late September following police raids on their homes as part of an inquiry that started in February. On the basis of evidence from witnesses and extensive telephone taps, investigating magistrates believe that the fans may have blackmailed the club into supplying them with cut-price tickets for games, including last season's UEFA Cup tie with Slavia Prague.

Giuseppe Di Vivo, one of those arrested, is accused of having threatened to hire a plane and take 200 fans to the Prague game with the intention of causing disorder there if Roma did not supply tickets.

Transcripts of conversations between Di Vivo and Roma official Umberto Esposito, published by Rome sports daily *Corriere Dello Sport*, detail Di Vivo's request that the club should persuade Slavia to move the game to a larger stadium and then buy extra tickets directly from Slavia.

The 'fans' also are accused of having threatened tour operators who ran trips to the Slavia game, again demanding they be supplied with cheap tickets.

Other charges levelled at those arrested include extortion and threatening behaviour towards journalists from Rome local radio and TV stations who wanted to work on the terraces during last February's Roma-Lazio derby. The accused are alleged to have demanded payment of $1,320 to allow one TV crew to film on a section of the terraces.

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SPAIN

Accountants first, football second

Graham Turner on the 'trench warfare' syndrome

Legal battles . . . Cruyff . . . and Robson

NO FOOTBALL PLEASE, we're Spanish. The 'Best League in Europe' seems determined to throw up every conceivable sort of story except some good footballing tales. It's as if the prospect of another 42-match marathon like last year has persuaded the players to prepare for a long, hard winter of trench warfare and, Ronaldo excepted, the warriors of renown have yet to put their heads up.

The syndrome is compounded by the pressures exerted on coaches – and, by extension, players – by the sheer volume of close-season investments.

Far from Fantasy Football, the fans have so far witnessed Accountancy Football. The quarterly balance may look acceptable but it is based on percentage football and the elimination of risks. The headlines are therefore less to do with hero-worship than dosh-worship.

One of the knock-on effects of the Bosman case has been to increase traffic from football pitches to law courts, and Spanish football currently has more cases on the move than your average airport conveyor belt. Starting at the top, the president of the Spanish Federation, Angel Maria Villar, is facing criminal charges of corruption brought by Sogecable, the head of the *Canal+* TV family.

Their gripe is derived from the on-going TV war which also has generated another lawsuit, filed by the dozen First Division clubs who have signed contracts with *Canal+* rather than *Antena 3*, which threatens to split Spanish football in two.

Villar is accused of taking a decision he was not qualified to take – that of introducing the hitherto-unknown concept of the live Monday game. Furthermore, says Sogecable, the decision was taken with the express intent of favouring the transmission of the Monday match by *Antena 3*, thus laying the foundations for charges of conspiracy to defraud. The preliminary hearing ruled that there is, indeed, a case to answer and Villar, a lawyer, says he is keen to answer it.

Curiously, FORTA, the body which co-ordinates Spain's regional channels, has agreed to relinquish contractual rights in order to open the door for the *Antena 3* live game and the ratings from the first two Monday nights revealed that they, and not the other channels, had suffered massive losses of audience.

Almost simultaneously, Barcelona's new manager, Bobby Robson, announced that he would send Portuguese men-of-legal-war to Porto in a bid to get his hands on the £300,000 or so which he claims his former club owe him.

He was unwittingly outbid by his predecessor at Nou Camp, Johan Cruyff. The Prophet of the Goal, as the film about him was titled, decided that profit was his goal when he put in a demand for half-a-million pounds compensation from Barcelona, alleging wrongful dismissal. The woman judge ruled in favour of the club and decreed a payment of £150,000, liable to a 46 per cent tax deduction.

Once legal costs had been subtracted from the remaining £81,000, Cruyff probably ended up with less than the £45,000 which Barcelona verbally had agreed to pay him in the first place, avoiding the need to call Barça to the Bar. A case of words speaking louder than actions.

Then Cruyff put in a demand for £5,000 in unpaid win bonuses, and the legal papers were not, as is the usual case, signed by a lawyer, but by his agent. A clear case of cost-cutting?

Barcelona then threatened to sue Real Madrid for an outstanding payment on Michael Laudrup (Real paid up) and Atletico Madrid hurriedly dug a trembling hand into their pockets to avoid legal pursuit of a back-payment on Geli.

Not all the non-footballing action has been off the pitch. Much of the early-season controversy has been about the pitch, the whole pitch and nothing but the pitch. Amazing when one bears in mind that Euro 96 parameters gave the Spanish League a longer-than-usual break in which to get on with some serious gardening.

Atletico Madrid got to work on bringing Vicente Calderon stadium up to Champions League standards, only to find that the newly-sown grass was not up to any sort of standards. They had to play the return leg of the Supercopa in the municipally-owned La Peineta stadium and opened their League campaign at Santiago Bernabeu.

The contractors laid the blame for the Calderon chaos on "a million caterpillars which hatched on the same night". One for the book of chrysalis records. An American company promptly said *muchas grassias* and offered to work an instant miracle by implementing their secret turfing formula (or sodding, as the Americans insist on calling it.) In they came and, hey presto, the pitch was good enough for Atletico to hammer Steaua Bucharest 4-0 in their opening Champions League fixture.

Barcelona, furious at seeing the other man's grass so spectacularly greener, asked a local company to use the same formula at Nou Camp. They had been forced to take the Supercopa to the Estadi Olimpic at Montjuic and, a few hours before kick-off, the referee of the Cup-winners Cup tie against AEK Larnaka decreed that Barça would have to go back there for Bobby Robson's European debut.

By that time, the scenario billed as the Father of all Pitches had become such a son-of-a-pitch that players, coaches and directors were airing their views daily in the media. The last straw came when Robson and his men returned from the second leg in Cyprus for a League match against Zaragoza. The news from the groundsman in La Romareda was "Well, we've just had this Michael Jackson concert . . ."

That Zaragoza-Barcelona fixture on Matchday 5 was to prove the most thrilling and controversial so far. By the way, despite the queries about quality, goals had not been in short supply. The 0-0 draw between Real Sociedad and Valladolid on the previous evening had been the first goalless match of the season. The game at La Romareda certainly wasn't.

Just after half-time, the home side was 3-1 up, only for Ronaldo to reduce arrears. Then, as the players trooped out of the box after a Barcelona corner, Fernando Couto fell. One of referee Mejuto Gonzalez's assistants called him to the touchline and said "penalty and red card for the Zaragoza Number 6". Xavier Aguado went off while TV replays were confirming that Couto had been bundled to the ground by Number 3, Chucho Solana.

Gica Popescu converted the penalty; Luis Enrique scored a fourth against the 10 men; and Ronaldo scored his second to give Barcelona a controversial 5-3 win. Mejuto Gonzalez needed police protection.

One of the other picturesque – but kosher – stories came from Vigo, where Celta were aghast that newly-signed and very impressive Israeli striker Michael Heim Revivo had ruled himself out of the home game against early pace-setters Betis, alleging that his exertions might clash with Yom Kippur. Celta hurriedly consulted the Chief

Pitch problems . . . Atletico Madrid's Vicente Calderon stadium

Some champion touches

THE PATCHY start to the Spanish season is epitomised by Atletico Madrid, who have made fewer changes than most.

Goal rush . . . Atletico celebrate another orgasm for Jesus Gil

Last season's double-winners were outrun by Compostela and Deportivo in consecutive fixtures, prompting coach Raddy Antic to admit that his team were rapidly "losing credibility". Yet Atletico's Champions League debut hardly could have been more impressive.

The tally of four against Steaua could have been doubled, and four more against Widzew Lodz in Poland prompted club president Jesus Gil to comment "you don't get orgasms like that every night" and to buy a hat he claims he will wear until his team are knocked out. It could get a bit smelly.

Atletico seem certs for the quarter-finals, where – on recent form, at least – they would start as favourites against any from the Ajax-Auxerre-Grasshopper-Rangers group who will provide the opposition. With four headed goals in two games, Argentinian international midfielder Diego Simeone is the unlikely hero of a side who appear to have given so much priority to the Champions League that domestic form has become erratic.

Similarly, the stars have been twinkling but not shining. Even Barcelona's Brazilian striker Ronaldo was publicly criticised by Robson's Number Two, Jose Mourinho, after the 1-1 draw in Santander. "I cannot accept that Ronaldo scored a fantastic goal after three minutes, and then spent 87 minutes with his head in the clouds," he told reporters.

His compatriot, Romario, came into predictable head-on collision with the Valencia coach, Luis Aragones, who left him off the squad lists for two consecutive games.

Romario announced he was going back to Flamengo. Flamengo asked Valencia to loan the player back. Valencia refused. Romario asked Valencia to sack Aragones. Valencia refused. Coach and player had a confrontation on the training pitch at Paterna, watched by TV cameras. "Why aren't I playing?" "Because you're not 100 per cent." "Oh yes I am." "Oh no you're not." "Oh yes I am." "Oh no you're not." Etcetera.

Eventually, and after some stern advice from dressing-room heavyweights such as Andoni Zubizarreta, Romario repented, said Aragones was right, said he'd be a good boy, said he'd train harder, was reinstated in the team and scored the goal which gave Valencia their first League win of the season, somewhat fortunately, 2-1 over Tenerife. But will they live happily ever after?

Valencia, of course, produced the performance of the first European round by eliminating the UEFA Cup champions, Bayern Munich, with Romario playing no part in the proceedings. Zubizarreta, who saved a penalty by Jurgen Klinsmann in Munich and made a string of saves, emerged as the hero.

All of Spain's representatives came safely through the first round, but with dogged rather than brilliant performances. So far it's been that sort of season.

GRAHAM TURNER

Rabbi in Madrid, who insisted that the Yom Kippur rules were hard and er . . . fast.

He then calculated that the stars would not come out in Vigo until 8pm, so Celta brought kick-off time forward an hour. Revivo was the first of seven to be booked and Betis won 2-0.

In terms of attractive football, Lorenzo Serra Ferrer's Betis and Jabo Irureta's Real Sociedad made the most impressive starts to the championship. Others blamed the poor state of Spanish pitches for the below-par soccer on show. Others pointed to the vast rebuilding programme undertaken by so many clubs, coupled with the massive influx of foreigners into Tower-of-Babel dressing-rooms.

Some fans maintain that in post-Bosman football, few players "feel their colours". Spanish teams, with the Basques of Athletic Bilbao and Real Sociedad as standard-bearers, used to represent regional identities, but Celta now have no Galician players in their squad; Betis have only one Andaluz; Tenerife have only one player from the Canaries.

Players not only need time to gel as a team. They also need time to tune into the same wavelength as their supporters.

Player profile — Corentin Martins

IT IS NO exaggeration to say that many in France were left perplexed when Corentin Martins moved from Gallic Double-winners Auxerre to Spain's Deportivo La Coruna.

The move did not appear to make a lot of sense. Since arriving in Auxerre from cash-strapped Brest in 1991, classy playmaker Martins had proved to be instrumental in the club's success story. But just as the Champions League was appearing on the horizon, he was packing his bags.

Nor, the argument went, was Martins heading for one of the Spanish giants such as Barcelona, Atletico Madrid or Real Madrid – who were reportedly very keen to sign him a couple of years ago. No, he would be wearing the colours of Deportivo, a provincial club who have never won the championship in almost a century of trying.

Martins, though, refutes all charges that he turned his back on the challenge of leading Auxerre's Champions League campaign because of the sackload of pesetas on offer in La Coruna.

"First of all, Deportivo are a very ambitious club, one of the top four in Spain," he argues. "I remember it was only a missed penalty kick which prevented them from winning the Championship two years ago. There are many top-quality players here, and we believe we have a realistic chance of winning trophies.

"Secondly, the opportunity to play in a League as exciting as Spain's was irresistible. Look at all the big-name players who are here. In my opinion, the Liga is now even better than Serie A. Spain is the best place for me to stake my claim for a regular place in the French team.

"I had five wonderful years with Auxerre. We reached the semi-final of the UEFA Cup, twice won the French Cup and were national Champions for the first time in the club's history. What made it even more special was that I was the skipper. But everything has to come to an end, and now I'm beginning a new chapter in my career."

Not that Martins should experience any difficulties in settling down with Deportivo. He is from Portuguese stock, so he ought to feel right at home in Iberia, and he also will benefit from lining up in La Coruna with former French League players, Michael Madar, Jerome Bonnissel, Jacques Songo'o and Nourredine Naybet.

"Martins is an attacking midfielder who has impressed me for some time," says Deportivo coach John Toshack. "He has bags of imagination, an exquisite touch on the ball, is great at free-kicks and certainly knows where the goal is. We are very glad to have him."

With three goals in his first four games for Deportivo, Martins could not have dreamt of a better start in Spanish football. He was bought for only £1.9million, and already he looks like a snip.

NICK BIDWELL

CORENTIN MARTINS
Deportivo La Coruna & France

Born July 11, 1969, in Brest, France
Previous Clubs Brest (Fra), Auxerre (Fra)
Honours French Cup 1994, 1996, French League 1996
International debut March 1993, v Austria
International caps 13 (1 goal)

Klinsmann

Arthur Rotmil on the striker who is staying at Bayern Munich – for now

RECORD champions Bayern Munich were plunged into yet another crisis when their expensively-assembled team were knocked out of the the UEFA Cup in the first round by Valencia of Spain, 3-1 on aggregate.

The manner of their performance in the 3-0 defeat in the first leg, even more than the result, provoked criticism up and down the country, but specifically in Munich. Bayern had chances early on, hitting a post and controlling the game, but at 2-0 down they inexplicably folded.

Bayern failed to overturn the three-goal deficit in the return leg in Munich. Things might have been different had Jurgen Klinsmann not missed a 19th-minute penalty.

Otto Rehhagel, who was fired as coach by Bayern earlier this year, led the wave of derision. He said: "Bayern are now paying for the mistakes in signing the wrong players and not sticking to a definite tactical system. Too many changes have upset their rhythm."

The international setback shook the club – and a 3-0 defeat at Werder Bremen, after five straight Bundesliga wins, did little to improve things.

Italian manager Giovanni Trapattoni in his second spell in Munich, was under fire after the defeat in Valencia – only one month into the new season. His programme of preparation was so physically consuming that a number of players, including the great Jurgen Klinsmann, looked jaded.

Club president Franz Beckenbauer, celebrating his 51st birthday when he heard the result from Valencia, fumed: "This is a catastrophe – a totally unacceptable performance." But 'Der Kaiser' also must accept some responsibility. On the eve of the Valencia debacle, he described the UEFA Cup as "an unimportant competition which brings neither enough money nor prestige".

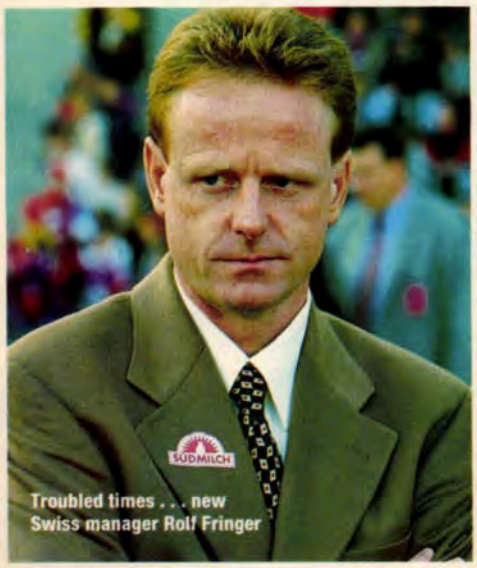
Beckenbauer read the riot act to the players after the Werder defeat. The next day he published his views in his column in *Bild* newspaper. "Egotism is the problem," he said. "The selfishness must stop. Every player must be ready to help the others. That's what's been missing."

The players met privately on the Monday after the Werder defeat to discuss their poor form. "We asked ourselves why we're playing such utter rubbish," said goalkeeper Oliver Kahn.

At the heart of the club's problems is Jurgen Klinsmann, whose form has deserted him. Bayern clearly lack a leader on the field. Klinsmann was unhappy at being substituted several times and complains that he does not get the necessary support from midfield. He also feels that he is being persecuted by the media.

But rumours of his intention to quit the club are off the mark – at this stage, anyway. He has, however, renegotiated his contract to include a get-out clause at the end of the season. If Bayern do not win the Bundesliga title, Klinsmann will be free to consider other offers. The

Pain in Spain . . . Bayern crash 3-0 to Valencia



Troubled times . . . new Swiss manager Rolf Fringer

Switzerland

Star men don't care

THE Swiss national team began their World Cup programme with an unexpected 1-0 defeat in Azerbaijan, condemned by the media as 'the most humiliating setback in the 101-year history of the Swiss FA'.

The match demonstrated that many players are no longer willing to give their all to achieve success. "Our team is no longer as hungry as it was two years ago," said the country's leading soccer experts.

Worse still, some Swiss players have lost interest in the national side. Forward Alain Sutter, ignored for Euro 96 by the then manager Artur Jorge, declared that his German club, Freiburg, is now more important. Midfield orchestrator Ciriaco Sforza said that he no longer wanted to play in national colours.

New manager Rolf Fringer has walked into a hornets' nest and will have serious problems trying to raise morale in time for the next assignment.

But the feeling is that the Swiss national side passed their peak during the 1994 World Cup, when still run by the Englishman Roy Hodgson. Now the experts warn not to look back nostalgically to the Hodgson era, particularly as the playing personnel have radically changed in the past two years.

Midfielder Georges Bregy retired. So did defender Dominique Herr. Libero Alain Geiger is injury-prone, striker Stephane Chapuisat has not yet recovered from cruciate ligament damage.

Full-back Marc Hottiger missed eight months as a reserve at Newcastle. Striker Adrian Knup was a reserve at Karlsruhe. Marco Grassi has not played for months, while Thomas Bickel cannot always get released from his Japanese club.

Perhaps Grasshopper can salvage some pride for Swiss football. Their wins over Rangers and Ajax in the Champions League reverberated around Europe.

ARTHUR ROTMIL

crisis

Staying in Munich . . . Jurgen Klinsmann

club have made several undistinguished signings of forwards who did not make the grade. Some already were clearly past their best. Newcastle's signing of Alan Shearer for £15million brought the financial aspect sharply into focus. German clubs simply will not pay anything near this inflated figure.

The British media claim that German footballers play fewer matches because their league is smaller, but players are still busy – Thomas Helmer (Bayern) played 64 competitive games last season, 32 in the Bundesliga, two in the DFB Cup, 12 in the UEFA Cup and 18 internationals. Thomas Hassler played 62 matches, Klinsmann and Christian Ziege 60 each.

The national team's 2-0 win over Poland in a friendly in Zabrze did not create euphoria. After all, the Poles, who have used three team managers in the past nine months, had not won in 11 internationals.

German chief Berti Vogts relied on his European champions. Oliver Bierhoff and Klinsmann – his 40th goal in his 90th international – scored in this unexciting game, which drew only 12,000 spectators.

Vogts called up five new players for the World Cup qualifier against Armenia: defender Thomas Schneider (Stuttgart), midfielders Stefan Passlack (Borussia Monchengladbach), Michael Tarnat (Karlsruhe), and Dariusz Wosz (Bochum), and forward Karsten Baron (Hamburg)

● Paulo Sousa, Borussia Dortmund's Portuguese international midfielder, is out until February. The summer signing from Juventus requires surgery on an injured knee.

Austria

Rapid start slowly

PROBLEMS are mounting for Austria's champions, Rapid Vienna. They stormed into the Champions League but started with six draws in domestic football before their first success, 2-0 against Austria Salzburg.

The club's biggest headache is Bulgarian international stopper Trifon Ivanov, whose behaviour was at times described as "juvenile" and led to demotion to the reserves. He was sent off for punching an opponent in the match against Linz. He returned for the Champions League visit to Old Trafford.

FK Austria had problems of their own and they were written off by experts as relegation candidates for the first time in their 85-year history. Their sponsor, a tobacco manufacturer, decided to economise and cut the subsidy, some of their best players have been sold, including international goalkeeper Franz Wohlfahrt and four foreigners.

New team manager Walter Skocik is doing well, even so, and his rejuvenated team are now challenging for the title. Skocik had the courage to field six players under 21 years old.

Austria Salzburg have parted company with 19 players, among them key men such as Heimo Pfeifenberger (to Werder Bremen) and Wolfgang Feiersinger (Borussia Dortmund).

ARTHUR ROTMIL

Player profile | Jonathan Akpoborie

NIGERIAN striker Jonathan Akpoborie is Hansa Rostock's Mr 100 per cent. He began the new Bundesliga season by scoring all the club's five goals in their first five games.

As yet, Akpoborie's reputation as an ace hit-man is confined to the German borders, but that state of affairs ought not last long. He is athletic, physically imposing, pacey and highly-skilled, and bears much more than a passing resemblance to such tried and tested African front-runners as George Weah and Tony Yeboah.

"I would place Johnny among the top three strikers in the Bundesliga at the moment," says Bayern Munich and Germany central defender Thomas Helmer. "He is dynamite in and around the box.

"He is a real handful and there are so many strong points to his game. His speed is frightening, his ball control is good, he is outstanding in the air and his shooting is vicious. Rostock pulled off a major coup when they signed him."

Yet 27-year-old Akpoborie has been playing top-club football for less than 12 months. After starting out in Lagos with the Julius Berger club, he spent a year studying and playing soccer for Brooklyn College in New York, before heading for Germany in 1990 to try his luck.

He subsequently turned out for Second Division outfits Saarbrucken and Carl Zeiss Jena, as well as Stuttgarter Kickers in the regional league.

His time at Kickers – the club where Jurgen Klinsmann made his name – was the turning point of his career. Akpoborie's 37 goals for them in the 1994-95 season earned him a transfer to Second Division Waldhof Mannheim, and Rostock stepped in to buy him in January this year.

"It has taken me quite a while to reach the Bundesliga, to make it to the big time," says Akpoborie. "But now I'm here, I'm determined to stay at this level for as long as possible. I'm hungry for success.

"From the word go, everything has gone well for me at Rostock. I scored on my debut last season in our win at Dortmund and the goals have kept coming ever since. It's the perfect club for me. We play good, attacking football and the service I get is brilliant."

Akpoborie, fully established in the Bundesliga, will be aiming to convince Nigeria that he is worth a spot in the Super Eagles line-up.

"I have played six times for Nigeria, but I wasn't selected for the World Cup or the African Championships in 1994 or as one of the over-age players for the Olympics this year," he says. "My aim is to be in the Nigerian side at the 1998 World Cup finals in France."

NICK BIDWELL

JONATHAN AKPOBORIE
Hansa Rostock & Nigeria

Born Oct 20, 1968, Lagos
Previous Clubs
Julius Berger (Nig), Brooklyn College (US), Saarbrucken, Carl Zeiss Jena, Stuttgarter Kickers, Waldhof Mannheim
International caps
6 (2 goals)
International debut
April 1991, v Ghana

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FRANCE

Balancing act

Foreign imports are helping to restore some sort of balance to French football

WITH SO many stars departing for greener, or if you like richer, pastures, you may wonder how French football itself is left with any teams at all.

In fact, though you can hardly compensate for the going of such as Zidane, Dugarry, Djorkaeff, Zidane, Lizarazu, Dieng and the rest, a host of imports has done something to right the balance.

Players such as Leonardo, the overlapping left-back who, it is true, was sent off for that elbow to the head of poor Tab Ramos of USA in the 1994 World Cup. Signed from Japan by Paris SG to play on the left of midfield and scoring with encouraging frequency – two against Lens, alone.

More might be expected of PSG's new arrival from Lisbon. Kenedy, playing at left-back, but no doubt he too will settle down before long. And at least the lanky Brazilian Rai is still there to guide the attack and get goals, as is the Panamanian Dely Valdes, who himself found it a little hard to settle last season, on leaving Cagliari. Paris SG are inevitably the pace-setters in the championship and they will make a strong effort to defend their Cup-winners Cup, having started with an easy gallop in Liechtenstein.

In the same competition, gallant little Nimes, mere makers-up of the numbers in the Third Division, excelled themselves in their 3-1 home win over the Hungarians of Kispest, watched nostalgically by their ex-manager, the man who built the team and took them to such unexpected heights last season, only – that's football – to be jettisoned.

I refer to Pierre Barlaguet, who has given so much of his professional life to the club, first as player, later, with much success, as the man who ran the youth scheme, eventually in the hot seat of manager. He himself played for Nimes in the Final of the French Cup . . . in 1958.

Auxerre, as though it was not enough that they should lose their stars in the close season, have been beset by injuries. They pushed Ajax hard in their initial Champions League game, even if they did lose 1-0 to a goal by Jari Litmanen. All the sadder and more ironic then that the ex-QPR Australian, Ned Zelic, who set off counter-attacks that evening with pleasing aplomb, should soon after have a bad injury himself. Still, at least they did succeed in keeping that fine young midfielder, Sabri Lamouchi, who seemed likely at one point of the summer to become yet another of Milan's huge so-called 'Turnover'.

Talking of which, it was good to see the gifted, even younger Patrick Vieira escape from Milan and join Arsenal, making such a useful debut at Highbury against Sheffield Wednesday. Even if, with his usual sunnily, optimistic, even Panglossian, nature. Vieira won't even say the Milan experience – he had just a couple of games – was a negative one.

To the contrary, he feels he benefitted from it. And he even managed to be philosophical about the injury which so sadly put him out of the Olympic tournament in the USA, shortly before it began. The Senegalese-born Vieira certainly has the temperament to go with his talent, and though he knows what intense competition there is for a midfield place, his sights are set on the World Cup finals of 1998.

As for Lamouchi, he shrugs off the fact that this evidently weakened Auxerre team has to compete on so many fronts. For one thing, he emphasises, the players are well protected from pressure. For another, Nantes had difficulties in last season's domestic Championship, but acquitted themselves well in the Champions League.

Zinedine Zidane, meanwhile, has joined Didier Deschamps in the Juventus midfield, and the two of them in Turin had substantially the better of their fellow Frenchman, Eric Cantona, obliged to play alone up front with his back to the goal for Manchester United. Perhaps it was sheer frustration which moved him afterwards to dismiss Deschamps as a mere water carrier.

Deschamps shrugged off the fatuous insult, as he could well afford to. But Aime Jacquet, still manager of France, angrily made it clear that Eric had signed his own death warrant, so far as the national team was concerned.

No doubt Eric will find rich consolation in all those pseudo-philosophical spoutings which are currently being used in a publicity campaign. Amazing what a few sardines can do for a footballer. And sad to see he was fined for an alleged assault. He yet remains one of the stars of his generation.

The jury seems to be out on Zidane in Italy, though he did make the excellent pass which sent Alen Boksic racing through to score the winning goal against Manchester United. Many praise his talent and his flair for the telling pass. Others accuse him of being timid. What is beyond doubt is that he has had to change his original role.

"I play where I am told to play," he says. "It's true that this [lying deeper] completely changes me from the game Bordeaux or France played, but it must be done. Perhaps I'll be told to play a little further up from time to time. For the moment, I am happy to do what they ask me to do."

Zidane, a modest, self-effacing soul – who after the United game didn't even look at the TV re-run of the goal, as he was eating in a Turin restaurant – has been much encouraged by the kind words of Gianni Agnelli. The patron of Juve has compared his understanding with Boksic with that between Platini and Boniek. "I was touched by those words," he said. But why can't he play his own game?

ANDRE DUCLOS

Player profile | **Robert Pires**

NO PRIZES for guessing the identity of the next player destined to join that ever-growing band of French stars in exile. The days of Robert Pires turning on the style in the Metz attack can only be numbered.

And who could blame the exalted likes of Barcelona, Inter Milan, Roma and Benfica for putting Pires on top of their respective shopping lists? The 23-year-old is a rare talent, a left-sided forward with sinuous dribbling skills and devastating shooting power.

The Metz club, in the Lorraine region of eastern France, has always prided itself on its superior teamwork, organisation and never-say-die collective spirit. But only the short-sighted could fail to single our Pires as the most influential figure in their rapid transformation from apparently permanent mid-table dwellers into one of the League's most competitive outfits.

Back in the 1970s, Lorraine's other major club, Nancy discovered the great French international midfielder Michel Platini. Now, some 20 years later, the same part of the world seems to have nurtured another prodigy.

Certainly young Pires was in brilliant form last season as Metz enjoyed one of their best-ever campaigns, finishing fourth in the championship and beating Lyon on penalties to take the League Cup. Not only was he the club's leading scorer with 11 strikes – together with striker Cyrille Pouget, who has since moved on to Servette of Geneva. But Pires' flair and silky technique also invariably featured in all Metz's best approach work.

"It's obvious Robert has been blessed with quite amazing skills," says Metz coach Joel Muller. "He can do anything with a ball. Technically, he's a natural. He makes it all appear so easy."

Another fan of Pires is French national team boss Aime Jacquet. Just a month after helping his country reach the quarter-finals of the Atlanta Olympics, Robert received a well-deserved call-up to the full squad for the friendly in Paris against Mexico and coming on as a half-time substitute, he performed excellently. A nerveless international baptism and, clearly, the first of many caps.

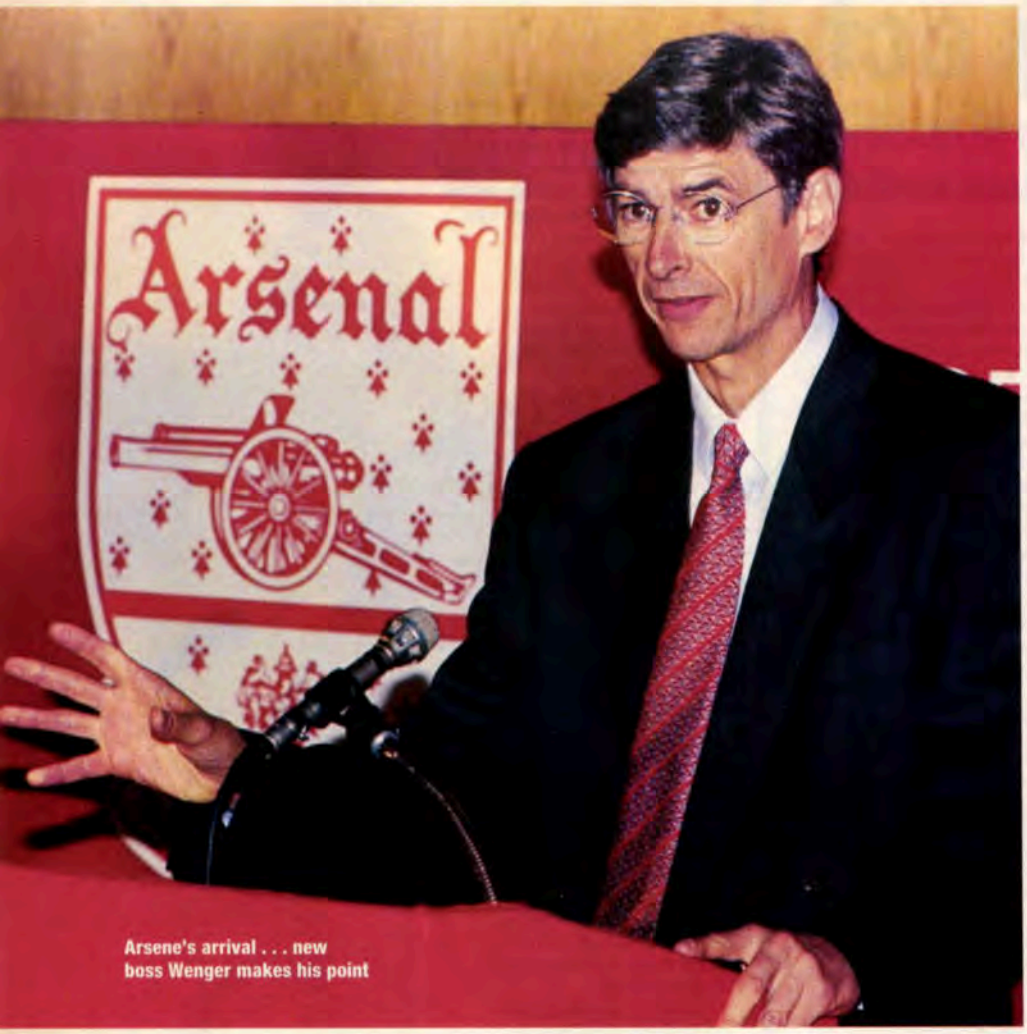
"My first 45 minutes in the national team passed by before I knew it, but I thought it went pretty well," reflected Pires after the match. "The coach told me to play as I do for Metz and that's what I attempted to do. I tried to be as unselfish as possible and to keep things simple. But I did take on my full-back a few times and seemed to have the beating of him.

"Even though I'm delighted to have made it into the French team, it's still early days. I'd love to be involved in the next World Cup finals here in France, but I know only too well there's a lot of work to be done if I'm to achieve that aim."

NICK BIDWELL

ROBERT PIRES
Metz & France

Born January 29, 1973, in Reims
Previous Clubs
Reims
First Division debut
April 1993, Metz v Lyon
Honours
French League Cup 1996
International debut
August 1996, v Mexico
International caps
1 (0 goals)



Arsene's arrival . . . new boss Wenger makes his point

Ups and downs at Highbury

For a club in crisis, Arsenal are doing remarkably well. John Kelly reports on the arrival of Arsene Wenger

ARSENAL, it seems, cannot be kept out of the news at present. Every day brings new back-page headlines, either about the club's troubles off the pitch, or – equally strangely – their excellent form on it.

Caretaker manager Stewart Houston, following almost a decade as number two at Highbury, decided he had had enough, and left to take charge of Queens Park Rangers, currently in the Nationwide First Division. He was joined there by his former Arsenal boss Bruce Rioch, who becomes Houston's new number two in a case of total role reversal.

Pat Rice, the former Arsenal full-back who spends his time tending Highbury's youth teams, stepped up to the first team momentarily, but made it clear he was not ready for the job permanently. Just as well, then, that Arsene Wenger was on his way from Japan. He arrived just in time to see his new charges lose 3-2 away to Borussia Monchengladbach in the UEFA Cup.

Much-travelled Frenchman Wenger took up his new post on a permanent basis from the start of October, and has indicated that new faces will be needed if Arsenal are to challenge for the title.

Brazil's Leonardo, Germany's Matthias Sammer and Newcastle's French winger David Ginola have been linked with Arsenal since Wenger's appointment, but the present Highbury heroes are doing remarkably well in the League, despite their problems behind the scenes.

The biggest of those, arguably, has been captain Tony Adams's battle against alcoholism. Adams, in his typically courageous way, confessed his problem to the world, turned down a bundle of tabloid money for his story, and said it was a private matter he alone had to deal with. He will receive support from his team-mates, and Paul Merson in particular.

Merson, a self-confessed alcoholic, has recovered his football form magnificently, to the extent that he was named in the England squad for the World Cup qualifier with Poland. Such news will greatly encourage Adams, who returned to Arsenal's first team for the European tie in Germany for the first time since January. Although Arsenal went out of the UEFA Cup, they are nicely placed in the Premiership and could be outsiders for the title, especially if Wenger strengthens a now-ageing defence.

Arsenal's former manager, George Graham, is back in the game after his banishment over the 'bung' affair. He has taken over at Leeds from Howard Wilkinson, who had had signed a new five-year contract during the summer but eventually had to go after losing the confidence of his squad.

Graham takes another former Arsenal man, David O'Leary, with him to Elland Road, as number two.

They have a big job on their hands to restore Leeds – the champions in 1992 – to their former strength, although the clutch of promising youngsters at the club should stand them in good stead for years to come.

Liverpool lead the way at present, though, with Czech attacker Patrik Berger firing on all cylinders *(see profile opposite)*. Rarely has a foreign import made such an immediate impact at Anfield, although manager Roy Evans is refusing to get carried away. The pragmatic approach is wise, because both Manchester and Newcastle United – the pre-season favourites – are not far behind.

Manchester United have unearthed their own foreign gem in Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, a baby-faced Norwegian who had hoped he might get in United's first team around Christmas. His early-season form (five goals in seven games) made him a regular choice, and gave manager Alex Ferguson the sort of selection headache that even he would have to smile at.

Newcastle, too, are moving in the right direction. Alan Shearer scored in the 4-3 win against Aston Villa which took United into second place, and his partnership with Les Ferdinand looks like bearing fruit . . . for Newcastle and England.

At this point, a special mention must be made of Wimbledon, the homeless club from South London that everbody loves to hate, or hates to love. The Dons were written off as relegation certainties after a poor start, but five League victories on the trot have taken them into fifth place and show, once again, that you write Wimbledon off at your peril.

At the bottom, Blackburn are still looking for their first win, while Coventry and Southampton already have assumed positions in the bottom three, where many felt they would remain, even before a ball had been kicked. Leeds, Tottenham, Everton and Nottingham Forest also figure in the bottom half of the table, unacceptable positions for clubs of their size.

In European competitions, Liverpool and Newcastle successfully went through to the second rounds of the Cup-winners and UEFA Cups respectively, but Aston Villa joined Arsenal as first-round casualties in the UEFA Cup, beaten on away goals by Swedish part-timers Helsingborgs.

Manchester United recovered from their opening defeat at Juventus in the Champions League to beat Rapid Vienna 2-0 at home. With Juve winning their second game, at Fenerbahce, the race is effectively for the runners-up spot in the group, and United's fate will largely depend on how they react to another hostile trip to Turkey.

In the domestic Coca-Cola Cup, the second round provided a number of upsets, although England's five European entrants were sensibly given byes. Everton went out to York City, Oxford knocked out Southampton, Leeds scraped past Darlington and Nottingham Forest needed extra time to dispose of rock-bottom Wycombe, who have sacked managaer Alan Smith. Perhaps the biggest shock was reserved for Manchester City, still without a manager after Crystal Palace's Dave Bassett turned down the job after initially indicating he would accept.

City were a goal up after a minute in the first leg against Third Division Lincoln City but went on to lose 4-1. They were then beaten 1-0 at home in the return, to complete a truly miserable start to the season.

Scotland

Gravy train derailed

THE GRAVY train of passion and excitement, which has helped regenerate the enthusiasm and optimism of support for Celtic, suffered an unscheduled stoppage in the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-finals.

The multi-national side were eliminated by Hearts, a team severely weakened following a tempestuous League encounter against Rangers in which four Tynecastle players were sent off.

Celtic's demise in the tournament had been linked to a report of an alleged dressing-room revolt over bonus payments, which did not go down well with their fans. Many are unemployed or on low incomes and can only dream of the wages, said to be £10,000 a week, paid to the club's top stars.

Players and manager, Tommy Burns, however, rejected the notion that internal wranglings had a detrimental effect on the performance against Hearts, preferring instead to offer the view that they "just hadn't played".

That defeat, coupled with Celtic's exit from the UEFA Cup against Hamburg, had far-reaching effects, with large sums wiped from the club's stock market value. Chairman Fergus McCann allowed his stoic businessman's mask to slip momentarily, when complaining about the "juvenile" approach of certain unnamed players.

Following the Hearts game, he spoke of his frustration at watching "a £2.5m player who was struggling to get the ball four feet off the ground at a corner kick".

McCann always has left on-field matters to his experienced and respected manager, but is now displaying signs of frustration as he ponders the wisdom of relinquishing his comfortable lifestyle as a golfing holiday entrepreneur in Canada for all the hassles associated with running a football club in Scotland.

Whatever the overall outlook for Celtic, however, few would question the decision to recruit midfielder Paolo Di Canio from Milan. His imaginative use of the ball quickly endeared him to the fans.

Aberdeen's revival was checked in the Coca-Cola Cup quarter-finals, when they were knocked out by First Division Dundee. Hearts now face Dundee in one semi-final, while favourites Rangers take on newly-promoted Dunfermline.

ALAN FAIRLEY

Northern Ireland

Shiels in a storm

THE FIRST trophy of the season was decided on penalty kicks, when newly-promoted Coleraine defeated Crusaders in the final of the Ulster Cup.

In a rough and tumble match, the score was 1-1 after 120 minutes at Windsor Park, but Coleraine won 4-3 on penalties. The main talking-point after the match, however, was the half-time dismissal of the Coleraine manager, Kenny Shiels, who had remonstrated with referee Herbie Barr, claiming that Crusaders were using much too physical an approach.

The war of words continued after the game, with Crusaders manager Roy Walker saying that he was "amazed" at Shiels' attitude.

On the pitch, Coleraine have made an encouraging start with seven straight victories, equalling their best-ever beginning to a season. Shiels was named Manager of the Month and midfielder Michael Surgeon was Player of the Month.

The national team's poor home form in competitive matches continued when they lost their first World Cup qualifier 1-0 against a useful Ukraine team.

ROY KITSON

Wales

Wood's winning ways

CONWY UNITED remain on top of the table, seemingly unaffected by their InterToto experiences in Europe.

But they are facing strong competition from Inter CableTel – formerly Inter Cardiff – who are now managed by one-time Scotland and Everton keeper George Wood. He has been able to attract some quality players, thanks to the cash injections by the sponsors, and gates are up.

Three managers have left after poor early-season results. Bryan Griffiths resigned from Bangor City, to be replaced by former Everton and City player Kevin Langley. Mark Jones left Holywell Town and was succeeded by Glyn Griffiths, who quit the job last season, and Mark Ferguson regained his place at Rhyl when Barry Roberts left.

CPD Porthmadog are the surprise team of the moment. They were the first to beat Conwy, 4-3 in the first leg of the League Cup round one, and manager Colin Hawkins is working wonders with a small budget.

Barry Town's European run eventually ended against Aberdeen, a 3-3 draw at sold-out Jenner Park proving insufficient to overturn a 3-1 deficit from the away leg. But the players had done themselves and the League of Wales proud.

MEL AP IOR THOMAS

Player profile — Patrik Berger

FEW, IF ANY, foreign players have made the sort of impact in the Premiership that Liverpool's Patrik Berger has made since his summer move from Borussia Dortmund.

Injury delayed the Czech's start to the season, but when Berger replaced Stan Collymore for the second half of Liverpool's match at Leicester, he confirmed the view held by many: he is one of the best attacking midfielders in Europe.

The match seemed to be slipping from Liverpool's grasp before Berger collected Steve McManaman's pass to score the first of two spectacular goals. He was at it again a week later on his full home debut, scoring twice as Liverpool brought Chelsea's title aspirations crashing down to earth.

Add two midweek goals in a World Cup qualifier and another in the Cup-winners Cup tie against MyPa of Finland (a total of seven goals in four games over 12 days), and it's easy to see why many on Merseyside are hailing the young Czech as the man who could bring the League title to Anfield for the first time since 1990.

Goals have not been Liverpool's problem in recent seasons – Collymore and Robbie Fowler shared 55 last term – but goals from midfield have proved elusive. The arrival of Berger, who scored the Czech Republic's penalty in the Euro 96 Final defeat by Germany, has given manager Roy Evans new attacking options.

Evans has been quick to appreciate Berger's talents. "He can operate up front, off the front line or from the midfield. He is great at getting forward. He is aware of what is going on around him, has two very good feet, and scores goals."

Although still only 22, Berger has already won a League title in Germany with Dortmund. He moved to the Bundesliga champions in the summer of 1995 after spells with both Prague clubs, Sparta and Slavia.

Berger made 27 appearances for Dortmund last season, but many were as a substitute. The time spent on the bench, which he felt his talents didn't warrant, was one of the reasons he accepted Liverpool's offer this summer. He and his wife Jarka failed to settle in Dortmund: learning German proved a problem.

Evans is not duly concerned about such difficulties. "We'll have language problems, but a good footballer is a good footballer in any language," he says.

Berger has moved into a new house on Merseyside, something Liverpool have only just persuaded the troubled Collymore to do, and the Anfield faithful have been quick to welcome a new idol. "It has been my ambition to join Liverpool ever since I can remember," he says. "When I was two or three, a friend of my father watched a game at Anfield.

"He gave me the programme, his ticket and his scarf. I still have the ticket. I was always looking for Liverpool results and news. It was a thrill to see snatches on TV and I saw plenty when I moved to Germany."

Berger is good friends with fellow Czech Karel Poborsky of Manchester United and says they both made the decision to play in the Premiership after experiencing English stadia and crowds at first hand during Euro 96.

Poborsky's indifferent form for United has strengthened the feeling that the champions, not Liverpool, have bought the dud Czech.

A more telling comparison is with United's Eric Cantona. "Berger could do for Liverpool what Cantona has done for United," says former Liverpool captain Phil Thompson.

Only time will time whether he can help his new club to recapture past glories. For the time being, through, Patrik Berger is loving every minute of his new life in Liverpool.

GAVIN HAMILTON

PATRICK BERGER
Liverpool & Czech Rep

Born Nov 10, 1973, Prague
Previous Clubs
Borussia Dortmund (Ger), Slavia Prague (Cze), Sparta Prague (Cze)
International debut
1993, v Cyprus
International caps
21 (9 goals)
Honours
German League 1996.

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EUROPE

Holland

Feyenoord taking over

ARIE HAAN is still having trouble being accepted as coach of Feyenoord, but he knows his soccer stuff.

Leading light . . . Feyenoord's Giovanni Van Bronckhorst

Many fans have not accepted Haan's arrival as successor to the highly-popular Wim Van Hanegem, and the lack of big-name summer signings caused some unrest. Haan, however, seems to be winning people round to his methods.

He is a strong disciplinarian, as he showed by getting rid of Rob Witschge, Reggie Blinker, Orlando Trustfull and Peter Bosz, calling them "quality players but too dominant".

Now Haan (35 caps, two World Cup Finals, three European Cups as a player) is relying on a more defensive style.

Results have been good so far, with two players in particular attracting attention – midfielders Jean Paul Van Gastel and Giovanni Van Bronckhorst.

Ajax are going through a crisis, of sorts, and are only in mid-table, with their replacements not living up to the standards of those who have gone, and a crop of injuries to contend with as well.

The club have been the main supplier of talent to the national squad for more years than we can remember, but that is no longer the case. Coach Guus Hiddink, however, does not seem too worried. He is now able to abandon the two-winger Ajax attacking system and fit in other players, notably from Feyenoord and PSV.

Hiddink had been meaning to do this for some time, but the tremendous results Ajax have achieved in the past couple of years, in Europe as well as in their own country, prevented him from making the move.

MARTIN VAN ZAANEN

Republic Of Ireland

Dublin warms to the Dons

THE NUMBER of backers who want to see Wimbledon moving to Dublin is growing daily.

Paul McGuinness, the wealthy manager of rock group U2 is the name most often linked to the deal, while former Millwall player Eamon Dunphy, now a successful journalist in Dublin, has been acting as a 'go-between'.

Some FAI National League managers are in favour, as are the Dublin Schoolboys League. But of course the FAI is strongly opposed, and it has the backing of FIFA. But the 'men with the money' say the deal to take over Wimbledon is on and we could one day see the Dublin Dons or Dublin City playing in the English Premiership.

St Francis, the Dublin junior club, who qualified for the FAI Cup Final in 1990, have now been promoted to the First Division of the FAI's National League. They take the place of St James's Gate, who were thrown out at the start of the season for failing to meet financial guarantees demanded by the FAI.

St Francis have their roots in the Liberties, the oldest part of Dublin City, but two years ago they moved to a new ground near Baldonnel Airport. Obviously a team with Europe in mind!

The Saints begin their Division One campaign with a trip to Waterford on October 11th. The Premier Division is well under way . . . plenty of red cards, managers being sacked and referees being criticised. Alan O'Neill and Terry Eviston, who did a great job at Shamrock Rovers last season, got off to a bad start and were promptly replaced by Rovers' commercial manager Pat Byrne. Goalkeeper O'Neill has moved to Sligo.

And there was little opportunity for Martin Bayly to adjust to life in the Premier Division. After leading Home Farm Everton to promotion last year. Bayly lasted just two League games in the top division. Dermot Keely didn't have to think twice about, leaving First Division Athlone Town to manage the team with whom he won an FAI Cup medal 21 years ago.

Opel, who have sponsored all the FAI teams since 1986, are to continue their support until the year 2004. The contract was not due up until 1998, but the car manufacturers decided to move promptly and extend the sponsorship.

Following his two goals against Liechtenstein, Niall Quinn is now fourth place in the all-time list of Republic of Ireland goalscorers with 16 goals. Quinn, who missed the 1994 World Cup finals through injury, looks set to overtake Frank Stapleton's record of 20 goals.

SEAN CREEDON

Player profile | Philip Cocu

THIS could well be the season when PSV Eindhoven midfielder Philip Cocu becomes a fixture in the Dutch national team.

With Clarence Seedorf struggling to recapture the form which earned him the 'wonderkid' tag a couple of years ago, Edgar Davids in the doghouse following his Euro 96 tantrums, and Aron Winter arguably past his best, Holland manager Guus Hiddink may well be tempted to give Cocu an extended run.

He is now 25, was outstanding for PSV during the early rounds of this season's Dutch championship, and is playing the best football of his career, linking excellently in the middle of the park with the rejuvenated Wim Jonk and Marciano Vink, and demonstrating his ability to float undetected into the danger zone.

If he can maintain those high standards and team-mates Luc Nilis and Marc Degryse can score with any regularity, PSV will be in with a great chance of wresting the Dutch League title away from a stuttering Ajax.

Belgian international Nilis says: "For me, Philip is an international-class player. He's one of the most-improved pros in Holland. A very talented midfielder.

"He wasn't used much by Holland at Euro 96, but started in the quarter-final against France and fitted in well. Cocu is a big-game player. He was our best man in our run in the UEFA Cup last season. I very much appreciate his skilful and intelligent play."

Cocu has long been regarded in Dutch footballing circles as one of the most gifted creative players of his generation. First at AZ Alkmaar and then at Vitesse Arnhem, the elegance and flair of the lad with the GI haircut shone through, but one element lacking from his game was consistency. Only since his move to PSV in the summer of 1995 has he ironed out that flaw.

"With respect to everyone at Vitesse, PSV is a completely different set-up," explains Cocu. "At Vitesse it was great just to finish high enough in the League to qualify for Europe. But at PSV, expectations are so much higher. There's more pressure for success and I think I respond positively to that.

"It's a few years since PSV took the Dutch title, but I think we can do it this season. I would never write Ajax off, but in my opinion, we are stronger. I'm confident.

"The championship for PSV and more appearances for Holland would make it a perfect season."

NICK BIDWELL

PHILIP COCU
PSV & Holland
Born October 29, 1970, in Eindhoven
Previous Clubs DCS Zevenaar, De Graafschap, AFC'34 Alkmaar, AZ Alkmaar, Vitesse Arnhem
International debut April 1996, v Germany
International caps 6 (1 goal)
Honours Dutch Cup 1996

Brann on top . . . Lars Bakkerud battles against Club Brugge

Norway

Brann about town

Sigurd Odegaard on the club who finally look like realising their potential

BRANN of Berger have for years, been regarded as the club with the biggest potential in Norwegian football. After some mediocre years they are back with a bang this season – a string of victories this autumn means they are fighting for silverware again.

Mons Ivar Mjelde returned from Austria to Brann, the club where he started his career in the early 1990s and, after some indifferent performances, started to score buckets of goals. In 10 games, he put 15 balls in the net and national manager Egil Olsen has a new candidate for the strike force of the national team.

Claus Lundekvam has also had a fine season for the Berger outfit, and attracted interest from English clubs. Southampton manager Graham Souness was so impressed that he signed Lundekvam, who joined several compatriots in the English Premiership. Lundekvam, 23, is a quick central defender who reads the game well and also has attacking qualities.

Tore Andre Flo, the younger brother of Jostein Flo, is Mjelde's colleague up front and has also attracted interest from English clubs. He adds technical skills to his extreme physical height and is a tricky player for defenders to play against.

The fanatical crowds at Brann would like their best players to stay at the club, and they want to make the European football they tasted against Cercle Bruges in the Cup-winners Cup an annual experience.

Sweden

Sinners, not Saints

DJURGAREN volunteered to play a League game against Halmstad behind closed doors after their fans ran riot at an away game in Gothenburg.

The Stockholm club, currently struggling against relegation, have promised to get tough with the hooligan element among their supporters, and even threatened to sever links with the notorious fan club, The Blue Saints.

"If nothing helps, we are even prepared to close down the club, but we will never let the louts have their way," said a club spokesman.

Djurgarden coach Anders Gronhagen laments the lack of solidarity among other clubs. He says: "At certain places, we have been met by an ice cold silence. They don't even pretend to hide the fact that they would love to see us vanish from the League.

"We don't need this kind of hypocrisy. Several club leaders simply sit in glasshouses. Their clubs have exactly the same problem with violent fans, yet we seem to be the only ones who have been tarred by it."

IFK Gothenburg had a shaky start in the Champions League, going down 3-2 at home to Norway's Rosenborg. "We were surprised because they dared to attack – no Swedish side ever does that at our ground," exclaimed IFK skipper Mikael Nilsson.

IFK recovered to defeat Malmo 3-1 away in the League.

Helsingborgs have agreed to sell international forward Martin Pringle to Portugal's Benfica for £1million.

In-form AIK have lost experienced stopper Patrik Englund for the rest of the season because of a knee injury.

PENTTI HEITANEN

Finland

Champions relegated

FC HAKA, last season's champions in Finland, have completed an odd double by being relegated.

They have not been absent from the top level for 21 years, and have one of the country's most expensive squads.

Mikkelin also are doomed for the drop, and if Ilves go down as well the southern province of Hame will no longer have a representative in the Premier League.

That would be a big blow to an area which has produced five championship-winning clubs in the past.

The two Tampere clubs, TPV and Ilves, and the Lahti pair, Kuusysi and Reipas, are planning to join forces.

The season seems sure to have a thrilling finish, with all the six clubs who went into the final pool still in with a good chance.

MyPa, who had a poor start, improved their chances by defeating Jazz 3-1 at home. That concluded a memorable week for English stopper David Moore, who faced Robbie Fowler of Liverpool on the Thursday and Luiz Antonio, Brazilian goal-king of Finland, on the Sunday.

Neither could get among the goals, so 19-year-old Moore, on loan from Aston Villa, can look back on a job well done.

So too can Ari Hjelm, but in unhappier circumstances. Hjelm, who played for Ilves and HJK and became the first Finn to collect 100 full caps, has been forced to retire, at 35, through injury.

PENTTI HEITANEN

Iceland

Down to the wire

AFTER four seasons' domination by IA, Iceland was anticipating the most gripping climax to a title race in 25 years, with the reigning champions lining up for a winner-take-all home clash with KR in the last game.

With both clubs level on points and separated by a single goal, the challengers held pole position. A 3-2 defeat by IBV in the penultimate match edged IA from the top spot they occupied for much of the summer.

As a result, IA went into the game knowing that nothing less than a win will do to secure a record-breaking five titles in a row, while a draw would earn KR the prize that has eluded them since 1968.

If life is tough at the top, it is certainly no better at the other end of the table, where any two of four clubs could drop.

For bottom-placed club Breidablik, relegation would come as a particularly bitter blow. The men have struggled continuously, while the club's women's side have claimed their third title in a row with 14 wins from 14 matches, while scoring 79 goals and conceding only three. The girls also won the Cup.

On the international front Iceland went close to shocking Euro 96 runners-up, the Czech Republic, in a friendly in Jablonec. A 2-1 defeat gave Iceland a measure of cautious optimism for the World Cup qualifiers.

RAB CHRISTIE

Denmark

Silkeborg's sorrow

SILKEBORG's great European adventure ended with a narrow defeat against Russian giants Spartak Moscow as Brondby were the only one of four Danish clubs to survive the UEFA Cup first round.

The little club, managed by Preben Elkjaer, had battled through the InterToto Cup to qualify, and put up another superb performance in Moscow, losing only 3-2 in the away first leg. But back home in Silkeborg they found the class of Spartak just too much to handle, going down 2-1 to lose 5-3 on aggregate.

It was a nail-biting night for fans all round Denmark. OB Odense gallantly won 2-1 away to Boavista of Portugal in their second leg, having lost 3-2 at home – and departed on the away goals rule.

UEFA Cup exit... OB go out to Boavista

Lyngby had drawn 1-1 away to Cercle Bruges in the first leg, and switched the return to the Parken stadium to accomodate extra interest. A 2-0 home defeat was a huge let-down.

At least Brondby still carry the flag. They crushed Swiss side Aarau 7-0 on aggregate, Peter Moller scoring a hat-trick in the home leg. Ole Bjur was also among the goals – the new Danish international is interesting Milan.

Brondby remained invincible in the Superliga too, going seven points clear after just eight games of the season. Second-placed Aab Aalborg dramatically lost ground with a humiliating 6-1 defeat at great rivals AGF Aarhus, who moved up to third place as a result – but still nine points off the hot pace set by Brondby.

JIM HOLDEN

Who's who in Europe

Official squad lists from Europe's top Leagues: England, France, Germany, Holland, Italy and Spain. Compiled by Gavin Hamilton

England

Arsenal

MANAGER Arsene WENGER (Fr)
GOALKEEPERS
13....Vince BARTRAM 7.8.68
24....John LUKIC....11.12.60
1.....David SEAMAN 19.9.63
DEFENDERS
6.....Tony ADAMS....10.10.66
5.....Steve BOULD....16.11.62
2.....Lee DIXON 17.3.64
14....Martin KEOWN....24.7.66
12....Andy LINIGHAN 18.6.62
25....Scott MARSHALL (Sco) 1.5.733
3.....Nigel WINTERBURN 11.12.63
MIDFIELDERS
19....Remi GARDE (Fra) 3.4.66
17....David HILLIER....19.12.69
21....Eddie McGOLDRICK (Ire)....30.4.65
18....Steve MORROW (NI)....2.7.70
15....Ray PARLOUR 7.3.73
7.....David PLATT 10.6.66
22....Ian SELLEY 14.6.74
4.....Patrick VIEIRA (Fra)....23.6.76
FORWARDS
10....Dennis BERGKAMP (Hol)....18.5.69
16....John HARTSON (Wal) 5.4.75
11....Glenn HELDER (Hol) 28.10.68
20....Chris KIWOMYA....2.12.69
9.....Paul MERSON....20.3.68
8.....Ian WRIGHT 3.11.63

Aston Villa

MANAGER Brian LITTLE
GOALKEEPERS
1.....Mark BOSNICH (Aus)....13.1.72
13....Michael OAKES....30.10.73
DEFENDERS
2.....Gary CHARLES 13.4.70
16....Ugo EHIOGU....3.11.72
22....Phil KING....28.12.67
5.....Paul McGRATH (Ire)....4.12.59
15....Fernando NELSON (Por)....5.11.71
20....Riccardo SCIMECA....13.6.75
4.....Gareth SOUTHGATE....3.9.70
3.....Steve STAUNTON (Ire)....19.1.69
18....Carl TILER 11.2.70
14....Alan WRIGHT 28.9.71
MIDFIELDERS
26....Sasa CURCIC (Yug) 14.2.72
8.....Mark DRAPER....11.11.70
19....Gareth FARRELLY 28.8.75
7.....Ian TAYLOR 4.6.68
6.....Andy TOWNSEND (Ire)....27.7.63
FORWARDS
21....Franz CARR 24.9.66
23....Neil DAVIS....15.8.73
12....Julian JOACHIM....20.9.74
11....Tommy JOHNSON....15.1.71
17....Lee HENDRIE....18.5.77
9.....Savo MILOSEVIC (Yug)....2.9.73
24....Scott MURRAY 26.5.74
10....Dwight YORKE (T&T)....3.11.71

Blackburn Rovers

MANAGER Ray HARFORD
GOALKEEPERS
1.....Tim FLOWERS 3.2.67
13....Shay GIVEN (Ire)....20.4.76
DEFENDERS
20....Henning BERG (Nor) 1.9.68
2.....Chris COLEMAN (Wal) 10.6.70
34....Gary CROFT....17.2.74
5.....Colin HENDRY (Sco)....7.12.65
3.....Jeff KENNA (Ire) 28.8.70
6.....Graeme LE SAUX....17.10.68
25....Ian PEARCE 7.5.74
19....Adam REED 18.2.75
MIDFIELDERS
22....Lars BOHINEN (Nor) 8.9.69
23....Garry FLITCROFT 6.11.72
15....Matty HOLMES 1.8.69
33....Damien JOHNSØN 18.11.78
12....Nicky MARKER 3.5.65
17....Billy McKINLAY (Sco)....22.4.69
7.....Stuart RIPLEY 20.11.67
4.....Tim SHERWOOD 2.2.69
24....Paul WARHURST 26.9.69
11....Jason WILCOX....15.7.71
FORWARDS
21....Georgios DONIS (Gre)....29.10.69
14....Graham FENTON 22.5.74
8.....Kevin GALLACHER (Sco)..23.11.66
16....Chris SUTTON 10.3.73
18....Niklas GUDMUNDSSON (Swe)..29.2.72

Chelsea

MANAGER Ruud GULLIT
GOALKEEPERS
13....Kevin HITCHCOCK 5.10.62
1.....Dmitri KHARINE (Rus)....16.8.68
DEFENDERS
6.....Steve CLARKE (Sco)....29.8.63
12....Michael DUBERRY....14.10.75
4.....Ruud GULLIT (Hol)....1.9.62
18....Erland JOHNSEN (Den)....5.4.67
5.....Frank LEBOEUF(Fra)....22.1.68
15....David LEE....26.11.69
17....Scott MINTO 6.8.71
2.....Dan PETRESCU (Rom) 22.12.67
3.....Terry PHELAN (Ire)....16.3.67
20....Frank SINCLAIR....3.12.71
MIDFIELDERS
14....Craig BURLEY (Sco) 24.9.71
16....Roberto DI MATTEO (Ita) 29.5.70
21....Jody MORRIS 22.12.78
8.....Andy MYERS 3.11.73
19....Gavin PEACOCK....18.11.67
11....Dennis WISE 16.12.66
FORWARDS
10....Mark HUGHES (Wal) 3.2.62
7.....John SPENCER (Sco) 11.9.70
9.....Gianluca VIALLI (Ita)....9.7.64

Coventry City

MANAGER Ron ATKINSON
GOALKEEPERS
13....John FILAN (Aus) 8.2.70
1.....Steve OGRIZOVIC....12.9.57
DEFENDERS
16....Brian BORROWS 20.12.60
3.....David BURROWS....25.10.68
5.....Liam DAISH (Ire)....23.9.68
24....Regis GENAUX (Bel) 31.8.73
18....Marcus HALL 24.3.76
2.....Richard SHAW 11.9.68
4.....Paul WILLIAMS 26.3.71
MIDFIELDERS
17....Willie BOLAND 6.8.75
7.....Eoin JESS(Sco) 13.12.70
15....ISAIAS (Por)....18.10.63
10....Gary MCALLISTER 25.12.64
6.....Kevin RICHARDSON....4.12.62
26....Gordon STRACHAN (Sco) 9.2.57
12....Paul TELFER 21.10.71
FORWARDS
19....Iyseden CHRISTIE....14.11.76
9.....Dion DUBLIN....22.4.69
21....Andrew DUCROS....16.9.77
14....Peter NDLOVU (Zim) 25.2.73
20....Michael O'NEILL 5.7.69
11....John SALAKO 11.2.69
8.....Noel WHELAN....30.12.74

Derby County

MANAGER Jim SMITH
GOALKEEPERS
1.....Russell HOULT....22.11.72
12....Steve SUTTON....16.4.61
DEFENDERS
16....Matt CARBON....8.6.75
17....Lee CARSLEY 28.2.74
20....Jason KAVANAGH 23.11.71
15....Jacob LAURSEN (Den) 6.10.71
3.....Chris POWELL 8.9.69
2.....Gary ROWETT....6.3.74
5.....Igor STIMAC (Cro)....6.9.67
19....Darren WASSALL....27.6.68
4.....Dean YATES....26.10.67
MIDFIELDERS
9.....Aljosa ASANOVIC (Cro)....14.12.65
22....Christian DAILLY (Sco)....23.10.73
18....Sean FLYNN 13.3.68
14....Paul TROLOPE....3.6.72
6.....Robbie VAN DER LAAN (Hol) .5.9.68
FORWARDS
7.....Dean STURRIDGE 27.7.73
11....Marco GABBIADINI....20.1.68
13....Paul SIMPSON....26.7.66
8.....Ashley WARD....24.11.70
10....Ron WILLEMS (Hol) 20.9.66

Everton

MANAGER Joe ROYLE
GOALKEEPERS
13....Jason KEARTON....9.7.69
1.....Neville SOUTHALL (Wal)....16.9.58
DEFENDERS
2.....Earl BARRETT 28.4.67
3.....Andy HINCHCLIFFE....5.2.69
19....Marc HOTTIGER (Swi) 7.11.67
15....Matt JACKSON 19.10.71
25....Neil MOORE....21.9.72
24....Jon O'CONNOR....29.10.76
21....Craig SHORT 25.6.68
4.....David UNSWORTH 16.10.73
5.....David WATSON....20.11.61
MIDFIELDERS
14....John EBBRELL 1.10.69
20....Anthony GRANT....14.11.74
22....Peter HOLCROFT 3.1.76
17....Andrei KANCHELSKIS (Rus)..23.1.69
11....Anders LIMPAR (Swe)....24.9.65
18....Joe PARKINSON....11.6.71
16....Vinny SAMWAYS 27.10.68
10....Gary SPEED 8.9.69
FORWARDS
23....Michael BRANCH....18.10.78
9.....Duncan FERGUSON (Sco)..27.12.71
8.....Paul RIDEOUT....14.8.64
7.....Graham STUART 24.10.70

Leeds United

MANAGER George GRAHAM
GOALKEEPERS
15....Mark BEENEY 30.12.67
1.....Nigel MARTYN 11.8.66
DEFENDERS
26....Paul BEESLEY 21.9.65
25....Robert BOWMAN....21.11.75
23....Andrew COUZENS....4.6.75
3.....Tony DORIGO 31.12.65
16....Richard JOBSON 9.5.63
2.....Gary KELLY (Ire)....9.7.74
11....John PEMBERTON 18.11.64
5.....Lucas RADEBE 12.4.69
6 .....David WETHERALL....14.3.71
MIDFIELDERS
24....Jason BLUNT....16.8.77
22....Mark FORD 10.10.75
14....Andy GRAY 15.11.77
20....Ian HARTE (Ire)....31.8.77
19....Harry KEWELL 22.9.78
4.....Carlton PALMER 5.12.65
7..... Lee SHARPE 27.5.71
17....Mark TINKLER 24.10.74
FORWARDS
10....Brian DEANE 7.2.68
9.....Ian RUSH (Wal) 20.10.61
8.....Rod WALLACE....2.10.69
21....Tony YEBOAH (Gha) 6.6.66

Leicester City

MANAGER Martin O'NEILL
GOALKEEPERS
.....Casey KELLER (USA)....27.1.69
1.....Kevin POOLE 21.7.63
DEFENDERS
2.....Simon GRAYSON 16.12.69
14....Colin HILL (NI) 12.11.63
16....Franck ROLLING....23.8.68
5.....Steve WALSH 3.11.64
4.....Julian WATTS....17.3.71
3.....Michael WHITLOW....13.1.68
24....Jimmy WILLIS 12.7.68
MIDFIELDERS
6.....Mustafa IZZET....31.10.74
15....Pontus KAAMARK (Swe)....5.4.69
7 .....Neil LENNON (NI)....25.6.71
22....Neil LEWIS 28.6.74
23....Sam McMAHON 10.2.76
10....Garry PARKER 7.9.65
8.....Scott TAYLOR....28.11.70
FORWARDS
9.....Steve CLARIDGE 10.4.68
21....Jamie LAWRENCE....8.3.70
11....Emile HESKEY 11.1.78
12....Mark ROBINS....22.12.69

Liverpool

MANAGER Roy EVANS
GOALKEEPERS
1.....David JAMES 1.8.70
13....Tony WARNER....11.5.74
DEFENDERS
6.....Phil BABB....30.11.70
20 ....Stig Inge BJORNEBYE (Nor)..11.12.69
23....Jamie CARRAGHER 28.1.78
12....Steve HARKNESS....27.8.71
2.....Rob JONES....5.11.71
21....Dominic MATTEO 24.4.74
14....Neil RUDDOCK 9.5.68
3.....John SCALES 4.7.66
5.....Mark WRIGHT 1.8.63
MIDFIELDERS
10....John BARNES....7.11.63
15....Patrik BERGER (Cze) 10.11.73
18....Phil CHARNOCK 14.2.75
19....Mark KENNEDY (Ire) 15.5.76
4.....Jason McATEER (Ire) 18.6.71
7.....Steve McMANAMAN....11.2.72
11....Jamie REDKNAPP 25.6.73
16....Michael THOMAS 24.8.67
25....David THOMPSON 12.9.77
FORWARDS
8.....Stan COLLYMORE....22.1.71
9.....Robbie FOWLER....9.4.75
24....Lee JONES....29.5.73

Manchester United

MANAGER Alex FERGUSON
GOALKEEPERS
1 ....Peter SCHMEICHEL 18.11.63
16...Raimond VAN DER GOUW (Hol) 24.3.63
DEFENDERS
25 ..Chris CASPER 28.4.75
3 ....Dennis IRWIN 31.10.65
18 ..Ronny JOHNSEN (Nor)....
4 ....David MAY 24.6.70
20 ..Patrick McGIBBON (NI) 6.9.73
2 ....Gary NEVILLE 18.2.75
11 ..Philip NEVILLE 21.1.77
23 ..John O'KANE....15.11.74
5 ....Gary PALLISTER 30.6.65
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7 ....Nicky BUTT 21.1.73
21 ..Simon DAVIES 23.4.74
10 ..Ryan GIGGS 29.11.73
15 ..Roy KEANE (Ire)....10.8.71
12 ..Brian McCLAIR (Sco)....8.12.63
FORWARDS
6 ....Eric CANTONA (Fra) 24.5.66
8 ....Andy COLE 15.10.71
13 ..Jordi CRUYFF (Hol) 9.2.74
14 ..Karel POBORSKY (Cze)....30.3.72
17 ..Paul SCHOLES 16.11.74
19 ..Ole Gunnar SOLSKJAER (Nor) .26.2.73
22 ..Ben THORNLEY 21.4.75

England

Franc

Middlesbrough

MANAGER Bryan ROBSON
GOALKEEPERS
1.....Alan MILLER 29.3.70
13....Gary WALSH 21.3.68
DEFENDERS
2.....Neil COX.....8.10.71
14....Curtis FLEMING 8.10.68
5.....Nigel PEARSON 21.8.63
4.....Steve VICKERS 13.10.67
15....Phil WHELAN 7.8.72
3.....Derek WHYTE (Sco) 31.8.68
MIDFIELDERS
17....Clayton BLACKMORE.....23.9.64
30 ...BRANCO (Bra).....4.4.64
6.....EMERSON (Bra) 22.4.72
21....Craig HIGNETT 12.1.70
18....Graham KAVANAGH.....2.12.73
22....Craig LIDDLE 21.10.71
8.....Robbie MUSTOE.....28.8.68
16....Bryan ROBSON 11.1.57
20....Philip STAMP 12.12.75
FORWARDS
7.....Nick BARMBY 11.2.74
9.....Mikkel BECK (Den).....12.5.73
19....John HENDRIE.....24.10.63
23....Jan-Aage FJORTOFT (Nor).10.1.67
10....JUNINHO (Bra).....22.2.73
12....Alan MOORE (Ire).....25.11.74
11....Fabrizio RAVANELLI (Ita)...11.12.68

Newcastle United

MANAGER Kevin KEEGAN
GOALKEEPERS
15....Shaka HISLOP 22.2.69
1.....Pavel SRNICEK (Cze).....10.3.68
DEFENDERS
27....Phillipe ALBERT (Bel) 10.8.67
2.....Warren BARTON 19.3.69
3.....John BERESFORD.....4.9.66
26....Robbie ELLIOTT.....25.12.73
6.....Steve HOWEY.....26.10.71
5.....Darren PEACOCK 3.2.68
19....Stephen WATSON 1.4.73
MIDFIELDERS
4.....David BATTY 2.12.68
8.....Peter BEARDSLEY.....18.1.61
20....Lee CLARK.....27.10.72
17....Jimmy CRAWFORD 1.5.73
24....Chris HOLLAND 11.9.75
16....Darren HUCKERBY.....23.4.76
7.....Robert LEE 1.2.66
FORWARDS
11....Faustino ASPRILLA (Col) ..10.11.69
25....Paul BRAYSON.....16.9.77
10....Les FERDINAND 18.12.66
18....Keith GILLESPIE (NI).....18.2.75
14....David GINOLA (Fra).....25.1.67
28....Paul KITSON 9.1.71
9.....Alan SHEARER.....13.8.70

Nottingham Forest

MANAGER Frank CLARK
GOALKEEPERS
1.....Mark CROSSLEY 16.6.69
13....Alan FETTIS (NI) 1.2.71
DEFENDERS
25....Stephen BLATHERWICK 20.9.73
5.....Steve CHETTLE 27.9.68
4.....Colin COOPER.....28.2.67
18....Alf Inge HAALAND (Nor)....23.11.72
16....Nikola JERKAN (Cro).....8.12.64
2.....Des LYTTLE 26.8.71
3.....Stuart PEARCE 24.4.62
21....Vance WARNER.....3.9.74
MIDFIELDERS
6.....Chris BART-WILLIAMS 16.6.74
8.....Scot GEMMILL.....2.1.71
19....Stephen HOWE.....6.1.73
7.....David PHILLIPS (Wal).....19.7.63
11....Steve STONE 20.8.71
14....Ian WOAN 14.12.67
FORWARDS
17....Chris ALLEN.....18.11.72
10....Kevin CAMPBELL 4.2.70
24....Richard IRVINE 10.9.75
12....Jason LEE 9.5.71
20....Paul McGREGOR.....17.12.74
22....Bryan ROY (Hol) 12.2.69
9.....Dean SAUNDERS (Wal) 21.6.64
15....Andrea SILENZI (Ita).....10.2.66

Auxerre

COACH Guy ROUX
GOALKEEPERS
Lionel CHARBONNIER.....25.10.66
Fabien COOL 28.9.74
DEFENDERS
Eric ASSATI.....29.9.74
Laurent CIECHELSKI 4.6.71
Frederic DANJOU 28.8.74
Alain GOMA 5.10.72
Franck RABARIVONY 15.11.70
Franck SILVESTRE.....5.4.67
Taribo WEST (Nig).....26.3.74
Nedijelsko ZELIC (Aus) 4.7.71
MIDFIELDERS
Joel ANDRE 25.5.72
Christian HENNA.....10.3.72
Yann LACHUER 5.8.72
Sabri LAMOUCHI 9.11.72
Moussa SAIB (Alg) 5.3.69
Antoine SIBIERSKI 5.8.74
Abdelhajid TASFAOUT (Alg).....11.2.69
Philippe VIOLEAU 10.9.70
FORWARDS
Thomas DENIAUD.....31.8.71
Bernard DIOMEDE 23.1.74
Lilian LASLANDES 4.9.71
Fabrice LEPAUL.....17.11.76
Steve MARLET 10.1.74
Jean-Louis VALOIS.....15.10.73

Sheffield Wednesday

MANAGER David PLEAT
GOALKEEPERS
13....Matt CLARKE.....3.11.73
1.....Kevin PRESSMAN.....6.11.67
DEFENDERS
2.....Peter ATHERTON.....6.4.70
24....Brian LINIGHAN 2.11.73
5.....Jon NEWSOME.....6.9.70
14....Steve NICOL (Sco) 11.12.61
3.....Ian NOLAN 9.7.70
18....Dejan STEFANOVIC (Yug).28.10.74
6.....Des WALKER 26.11.65
MIDFIELDERS
20....Wayne COLLINS 4.3.69
12....Graham HYDE.....10.11.70
21....Ryan JONES (Wal) 23.7.73
19....Scott OAKES.....5.8.72
4.....Mark PEMBRIDGE (Wal) ...29.11.70
16....John SHERIDAN (Ire) 1.10.64
7.....Guy WHITTINGHAM 10.11.64
23....Michael WILLIAMS.....21.11.69
FORWARDS
11....Regi BLINKER (Hol).....4.6.69
10....Andy BOOTH 17.3.73
8.....Mark BRIGHT 6.6.62
17....Lee BRISCOE.....30.9.75
22....O'Neill DONALDSON 24.11.69
9.....David HIRST 7.12.67
25....Ritchie HUMPHREYS.....30.11.77

Southampton

MANAGER Graeme SOUNESS
GOALKEEPERS
1.....Dave BEASANT.....20.3.59
13....Neil MOSS.....10.5.75
DEFENDERS
3.....Francis BENALI 30.12.68
14....Simon CHARLTON.....25.10.71
2.....Jason DODD 2.11.70
19....Richard DRYDEN 14.6.69
6.....Ken MONKOU.....29.11.64
15....Alan NEILSON (Wal).....26.9.72
12....Graham POTTER 20.5.75
MIDFIELDERS
11....Neil HEANEY 3.11.71
16....David HUGHES 30.12.72
10....Neil MADDISON 2.10.69
4.....Jim MAGILTON 6.5.69
20....Robbie SLATER (Aus) 26.11.64
17....Paul TISDALE.....14.1.73
5.....Barry VENISON 16.8.64
FORWARDS
7.....Matthew LE TISSIER.....14.10.68
18....Matthew OAKLEY 17.8.77
9.....Neil SHIPPERLEY 30.10.74
8.....Gordon WATSON.....20.3.71

Sunderland

MANAGER Peter REID
GOALKEEPERS
1.....Tony COTON.....19.5.61
13....David PREECE 28.8.76
DEFENDERS
5.....Kevin BALL 12.11.64
12....Gareth HALL (Wal) 12.3.69
20....Darren HOLLOWAY 3.10.77
2.....Dariusz KUBICKI (Pol).....6.6.63
6.....Andrew MELVILLE (Wal) ...29.11.68
8.....Richard ORD 3.3.69
MIDFIELDERS
11....Stephen AGNEW.....9.11.65
21....Sam AISTON.....21.11.76
4.....Paul BRACEWELL.....19.7.62
7.....Michael GRAY.....3.8.74
15....Alex RAE (Sco) 30.9.69
3.....Martin SCOTT 7.1.68
FORWARDS
17....Brett ANGELL 20.8.68
19....Michael BRIDGES 5.8.78
14....Lee HOWEY 1.4.69
16....David KELLY (Ire) 25.11.65
22 ...John MULLIN.....11.8.75
17....Niall QUINN (Ire).....6.10.66
9.....Craig RUSSELL.....4.2.74
18....Martin SMITH.....13.11.74
10....Paul STEWART 7.10.64

Guingamp

COACH Francis SMERECKI
GOALKEEPERS
Angel HUGUES 3.9.66
Ronald THOMAS.....27.3.74
Stephane TREVISAN.....1.5.73
DEFENDERS
Vincent CANDELA.....24.10.73
Jerome FOULON 6.2.71
Marek JOZWIAK (Pol) 21.8.67
Nicolas LASPALLES 27.11.71
Richard LECOMTE 30.3.64
Gheorghe MIHALI (Rom).....9.12.65
Jean-Marc MOULIN.....21.11.73
Jean-Luc VANNUCHI.....13.9.70
MIDFIELDERS
Yannick BARET.....20.10.72
Stephane BOULILA.....30.12.74
Pierre-Emma. BOURDEAU 19.5.75
Stephane CARNOT.....10.7.72
Charles-Edouard CORIDON 9.4.73
Laurent HERVE 19.6.76
Claude MICHEL 24.4.71
Patrick MONNYBILLE 21.1.78
Daniel MOREIRA 8.8.77
FORWARDS
Eric ASSADOURIAN.....24.6.66
Philippe CELDRAN.....2.11.73
Christophe HORLAVILLE 1.3.69
Lionel ROUXEL 16.8.70
Christopher WREH (Lib).....14.7.75

Tottenham Hotspur

MANAGER Gerry FRANCIS
GOALKEEPERS
13....Espen BAARDSEN (Nor) 7.12.77
1.....Ian WALKER.....31.10.71
DEFENDERS
2.....Dean AUSTIN.....26.4.70
5.....Colin CALDERWOOD (Sco) 20.1.65
23....Sol CAMPBELL.....18.9.70
25....Steve CARR 29.8.76
24....Jason CUNDY 12.11.69
3.....Justin EDINBURGH 18.12.69
22....David KERSLAKE.....19.6.66
6.....Gary MABBUTT 23.8.61
14....Stuart NETHERCOTT.....21.3.73
19....Kevin SCOTT 7.1.68
15....Clive WILSON 13.11.61
MIDFIELDERS
12....Jason DOZZELL.....9.12.67
7.....Ruel FOX 14.1.68
21....Danny HILL 1.10.74
4.....David HOWELLS.....15.12.67
8.....Allan NEILSEN (Den) 13.3.71
27....Andy SINTON.....19.3.66
FORWARDS
9.....Darren ANDERTON.....3.3.72
11....Chris ARMSTRONG.....19.6.71
26....Paul MAHORN 13.8.73
16....Ronny ROSENTHAL (Isr)...11.10.63
10....Teddy SHERINGHAM 2.4.66

West Ham United

MANAGER Harry REDKNAPP
GOALKEEPERS
30....Steve MAUTONE (Aus) 10.8.70
1.....Ludek MIKLOSKO (Cze) 9.11.62
DEFENDERS
28....Slaven BILIC (Cro).....11.9.68
2.....Tim BREACKER 2.7.65
15....Kenny BROWN 11.7.67
3.....Julian DICKS 8.8.68
27....Rio FERDINAND.....7.11.78
5.....Richard HALL.....14.3.72
4.....Steve POTTS.....7.5.67
8.....Marc RIEPER (Den) 5.6.68
12....Keith ROWLAND (NI).....1..9.71
22....Adrian WHITBREAD.....22.10.71
MIDFIELDERS
7.....Ian BISHOP 29.5.65
20....Mark BOWEN (Wal).....7.12.63
24....Michael HUGHES (NI) 2.8.71
17....Stan LAZARIDIS (Aus).....16.8.72
10....John MONCUR 22.9.66
6.....Danny WILLIAMSON.....5.12.73
FORWARDS
9.....Tony COTTEE 11.7.65
14....Iain DOWIE (NI) 9.1.65
18....Ilie DUMITRESCU (Rom).....6.1.69
16....Paulo FUTRE (Por) 28.2.66
23....Steve JONES 17.3.70
11....Florin RADUCIOIU (Rom) 17.3.70

Wimbledon

MANAGER Joe KINNEAR
GOALKEEPERS
13....Paul HEALD 20.9.68
1.....Neil SULLIVAN 24.2.70
DEFENDERS
5.....Dean BLACKWELL 5.12.69
2.....Kenny CUNNINGHAM 28.6.71
4.....Vinny JONES.....5.1.65
21....Duncan JUPP (Sco) 25.1.75
3.....Alan KIMBLE 6.8.66
17....Brian McALLISTER (Sco) ..30.11.70
25....Andy PEARCE.....20.4.66
12....Chris PERRY 26.4.73
6.....Ben THATCHER.....30.11.75
MIDFIELDERS
18....Neal ARDLEY 1.9.72
19....Stewart CASTLEDINE.....22.1.73
8.....Robbie EARLE 27.1.65
24....Peter FEAR.....10.9.73
7.....Oyvind LEONARDSEN (Nor) .17.8.70
FORWARDS
22....Andy CLARKE 22.7.67
9.....Efan EKOKU (Nig) 8.6.67
23....Jason EUELL.....6.2.77
11....Marcus GAYLE.....27.9.70
14....Jon GOODMAN 2.6.71
20....Mick HARFORD 12.2.59
10....Dean HOLDSWORTH 8.11.68

Marseille

COACH Gerard GILI
GOALKEEPERS
Jerome ALONZO.....20.11.72
Andreas KOPKE (Ger) 12.3.63
Laurent SPINOSI.....20.12.69
DEFENDERS
Ivan FRANCESCHINI (Ita).....7.12.76
Christophe GALTIER.....23.8.66
Jean-Francois HERNANDEZ.....23.4.69
Hamada JAMBAY 24.5.75
Chris MAKIN (Eng) 8.5.73
Alberto MALUSCI (Ita).....23.6.72
Jean-Christophe MARQUET.....27.4.74
MIDFIELDERS
Ludovic ASUAR 27.10.76
Jean-Philippe DURAND 11.11.60
Olivier ECHOUAFNI.....13.9.72
Bernard FERRER.....23.1.64
Yordan LECHKOV (Bul).....9.7.67
Reynald PEDROS.....10.10.71
Eric ROY.....26.9.67
FORWARDS
Mehdi BEN SLIMANE (Tun).....1.1.74
Tony CASCARINO (Ire) 1.9.62
Xavier GRAVELAINE 5.10.68
Marc LIBRA.....5.8.72
Martial ROBIN 27.8.77
Franco VIGNOLA.....15.9.66

Bastia

COACH Frederic ANTONETTI
GOALKEEPERS
Fabien PIVETEAU....28.10.63
Laurent WEBER....1.9.72
DEFENDERS
Jamie FULLARTON (Sco)....20.7.74
Pierre MAROSELLI....29.11.66
Patrick MOREAU....3.11.73
Sebastien PEREZ....24.11.73
Didier SANTINI....7.9.68
Morlaye SOUMAH (Gui)....4.11.71
Patrick VALERY....3.7.69
MIDFIELDERS
Sauveur AIELLO....4.2.75
Pascal CAMADINI....2.4.72
Jean-Jacques EYDELIE....3.2.66
Mamadou FAYE (Sen)....31.12.67
Laurent MORACCHINI....6.10.68
Lubomir MORAVCIK (Slvk)....22.6.65
Cyril ROOL....15.4.75
Piotr SWIERCZEWSKI (Pol)....8.4.72
FORWARDS
Anton DROBNJAK (Yug)....21.9.68
Wilfried GOHEL....12.10.68
Pierre LAURENT....13.12.70
Ermin SILJAK (Slvn)....11.5.73
Ousmane SOUMAH (Gui)....6.10.76
Franck VANDECASTEELE....7.11.67

Bordeaux

COACH Rolland COURBIS
GOALKEEPERS
Gilbert BODART (Bel)....2.9.62
Franck FONTAN....16.9.73
Lionel PEREZ....24.4.67
DEFENDERS
Patrick COLLETER....6.11.65
Laurent CROCI....8.12.64
Cyril DOMORAUD (Ivo)....22.7.71
Paulo Sergio GRALAK (Bra)....18.8.69
Bernard LAMBOURDE....11.5.71
Geoffray TOYES....18.5.73
MIDFIELDERS
Cedric ANCELIN....24.7.77
Ibrahima BA....12.1.73
Francois GRENET....8.3.75
Miklos LENDVAI (Hun)....7.4.75
Johan MICOUD....24.7.73
Michel PAVON....7.11.68
Marc ZANOTTI....13.11.75
Stephane ZIANI....9.12.72
FORWARDS
Jean-Pierre PAPIN....5.11.63
Claudi BIAGGIO (Arg)....2.7.67
Kaba DIAWARA....16.12.75
Franck HISTILLOLES....25.1.73
Didier THOLOT....2.4.64

Caen

COACH Guy DAVID
GOALKEEPERS
Luc BORRELLI....2.7.65
Marc DELAROCHE....18.4.71
DEFENDERS
Joachim FERNANDEZ....6.12.72
William GALLAS....17.8.77
Milos GLONEK (Slvn)....26.9.68
Jimmy HEBERT....1.7.72
Bernard HERESON....8.1.69
Stephane LIEVRE....1.1.71
David SOMMEIL....10.8.74
MIDFIELDERS
Jean-Yves DE BLASIS....25.9.73
Stephane DEDEBANT....17.10.70
Rafael GUERREIRO....24.4.68
Grzegorz LEWANDOWSKI (Pol)....1.9.69
Jean-Francoise PERON....11.10.65
Emmanuel RIVAL....15.2.71
Stephane ROCHE....25.9.70
Arnaud TANGUY....21.1.76
FORWARDS
Alen BAJKUSA (Yug)....26.6.71
Anthony BANCAREL....15.5.71
Etienne MENDY....14.6.69
Frederic NEE....18.4.75
Pascal VAHIRUA....9.3.66

Cannes

COACH Guy LACOMBE
GOALKEEPERS
Sebastien CHABBERT....15.5.78
Francois LEMASSON....15.11.63
Sebastien RENAUD....30.9.75
DEFENDERS
Romain FERRIER....24.2.76
Yannick FISCHER....17.12.74
Kwami HODOUTO....31.10.74
David JEMMALI....13.12.74
Adick KOOT (Hol)....16.8.63
Sacha OPINEL....9.4.77
Sacha PERSON (Cro)....28.2.65
MIDFIELDERS
Komlan ASSIGNON....20.1.74
Jean-Michel CAPOUE....18.9.72
Sebastien CHABAUD....9.3.77
Laurent CHARVET....8.5.73
Cedric DAURY....19.10.69
Jean-Jacques ETAME....23.11.66
Fabrice GRONDIN....29.5.73
Mickael MARSIGLIA....25.12.75
FORWARDS
Samassi ABOU....4.4.73
Pascal BEDROSSIAN....28.11.74
Lilian COMPAN....30.4.77
Victor KONWLO (Lib)....1.2.75
Laurent LEROY....16.4.76
Cedric MOURET....26.3.78

Le Havre

COACH Rene EXBRAYAT
GOALKEEPERS
Sebastien HAMEL....20.11.75
Christophe REVAULT....22.3.72
DEFENDERS
Teddy BERTIN....6.8.69
Jean-Pierre DELAUNAY....17.1.66
Djibril DIAWARA (Sen)....3.1.75
Mathieu LOUIS-JEAN....22.2.76
Djoni NOVAK (Slvn)....4.9.69
Mamar MAMOUNI....28.2.76
Bernard PASCUAL....10.4.67
Ludovic POLLET....18.6.70
Thierry UVENARD....24.3.64
MIDFIELDERS
Frederic BRANDO....8.11.73
Olivier DE LUCA....29.1.73
Vikash DHORASOO....10.10.73
David MAZZONCINI....16.10.71
Nicolas HUYSMAN....9.2.68
Mohamed SYLLA....13.3.77
Tomasz WIESZCZYCKI (Pol)....21.12.71
FORWARDS
Roger BOLI....26.9.65
Ardian KOZNIKU(Cro)....23.10.67
Abner RAMDANE....23.2.74
Stephane SAMSON....9.3.75

Lens

COACH Slavo MUSLIN
GOALKEEPERS
Christophe MARICHEZ....12.12.74
Jean-Claude NADON....21.11.64
Guillaume WARMUZ....1.8.70
DEFENDERS
Jean-Marc ADJOBI-BOCO....22.12.63
Frederic DEHU....24.10.72
Christophe DELMOTTE....9.6.69
Philippe DURPES....6.3.74
Cyrille MAGNIER....24.8.69
Xavier MERIDE....9.1.75
David REGIS....2.12.68
Eric SIKORA....4.2.68
Jean-Guy WALLEMME....10.8.67
MIDFIELDERS
Herve ARSENE....30.10.63
Anthony COLINET....15.1.76
Mickael DEBEVE....1.12.70
Marc-Vivien FOE (Cam)....1.5.75
Frederic MEYRIEU....9.2.68
Sacha RICHKOV (Rus)....29.9.74
FORWARDS
Philippe BRUNEL....28.2.73
Aboubacar CAMARA (Gui)....17.11.72
Sebastien DALLET....30.9.73
Vladimir SMICER (Cze)....24.5.73
Tony VAIRELLES....10.4.73

Lille

COACH Jean-Michel CAVALLI
GOALKEEPERS
Pegguy ARPHEXAD....18.5.73
Jean-Marie AUBRY....3.4.69
DEFENDERS
Cedric CARREZ....7.2.74
Pascal CYGAN....29.4.74
Frederic DINDELEUX....16.1.74
Gilles HAMPARTZOUMIAN....20.5.69
Fabien LECLERCQ....12.10.72
Philippe LEVENARD....6.2.65
Greza MESZOLY (Hun)....25.2.67
Gael SANZ....1.5.77
Franck TURPIN....27.1.77
MIDFIELDERS
Bojan BANJAC (Yug)....24.10.72
David COULIBALY....21.1.78
Jeremy DENQUIN....18.5.77
Arnaud DUNCKER....7.5.71
Anthony GARCIA....18.3.72
David GARCION....27.9.73
Roger HITOTO (Zai)....24.2.69
Philippe PERILLEUX....16.9.63
Thierry RABAT....30.5.62
FORWARDS
Denis ABED....10.2.69
Miladin BECANOVIC (Yug)....18.4.73
Djezon BOUTOILLE....9.11.75
Patrick COLLOT....22.6.67
Amara SIMBA....23.12.61

Lyon

COACH Guy STEPHAN
GOALKEEPERS
Christophe BRETON....21.5.66
DEFENDERS
Pascal OLMETA....7.4.61
Ghislain ANSELMINI....6.5.70
Jasek BAK (Pol)....24.3.73
Christophe DEGUERVILLE....27.6.70
Jean-Christophe DEVAUX....16.5.75
MARCELO Kiremitdjian (Bra)....6.11.66
Florent LAVILLE....7.8.73
Jean-Luc SASSUS....4.10.62
MIDFIELDERS
Olivier BELLISI....25.11.75
Laurent CASANOVA....28.9.71
Alain CAVEGLIA....28.3.68
Sylvain DEPLACE....4.1.72
Franck GAVA....3.2.70
Ludovic GIULY....10.7.76
Frederic PATOUILLARD....13.1.74
FORWARDS
Cedric BARDON....15.10.76
Christophe COCARD....23.11.67
Fabrice FIORESE....26.7.75
Frederic FOURET....24:10.74
Florian MAURICE....20.1.74

Metz

COACH Joel MULLER
GOALKEEPERS
Andre BIANCARELLI....11.3.70
Christophe EGGIMANN....23.9.76
Lionel LETIZI....28.5.73
DEFENDERS
Philippe GAILLOT....28.2.65
Sylvain KASTENDEUCH....31.8.63
Pascal PIERRE....28.5.68
Rigobert SONG BAHANAG (Cam)....1.7.76
Jeff STRASSER (Lux)....5.10.74
David TERRIER....4.8.73
MIDFIELDERS
Frederic ARPINON....9.5.69
Jocelyn BLANCHARD....28.5.72
Tarik KHARIF....11.9.76
Didier LANG....15.12.70
Stephane LEONI....5.3.76
ISAIAS Magalhaes da Silva (Bra)....29.11.73
Didier NEUMANN....13.1.77
Cyril SERREDSZUM....2.10.71
FORWARDS
Stephane ADAM....14.5.69
Mariano BOMBARDO (Ita)....10.9.72
Hassan KACHLOUL (Mor)....19.2.73
Robert PIRES....29.1.73
Amara TRAORE (Sen)....29.9.65

Monaco

COACH Jean TIGANA
GOALKEEPERS
Fabien BARTHEZ....28.6.71
Stephane PORATO....19.9.73
Bruno CLEMENT....7.5.69
DEFENDERS
Patrick BLONDEAU....27.1.68
Eric DI MECO....7.9.63
Martin DJETOU....15.12.74
Manuel DOS SANTOS....23.3.74
Franck DUMAS....9.1.68
Gilles GRIMANDI....11.11.70
Philippe LEONARD (Bel)....14.2.74
Lilan MARTIN....28.5.71
Emmanuel PETIT....22.9.70
MIDFIELDERS
Ali BENARBIA....8.10.68
John COLLINS (Sco)....31.1.68
Sylvain LEGWINSKI....6.10.73
Vincenzo SCIFO (Bel)....19.2.66
Laurent VIAUD....8.10.69
FORWARDS
ANDERSON Da Silva (Bra)....19.9.70
Marco GRASSI (Swi)....8.8.68
Thierry HENRY....17.8.77
Victor IKPEBA NOSA (Nig)....12.6.73
Dan PETERSEN (Den)....6.5.72
David TREZEGUET....15.10.77

Montpellier

COACH Michel MEZY
GOALKEEPERS
Philippe FLUCKLINGER....24.5.62
Bruno MARTINI....25.1.63
DEFENDERS
Herve ALICARTE....7.10.74
Pascal BAILLS....30.12.64
Serge BLANC....22.10.72
Michel DER ZAKARIAN....18.2.63
Pascal FUGIER....22.9.68
Thierry LAUREY....17.2.64
Frederic MARTIN....6.6.69
William PRUNIER....14.8.67
Franck SAUZEE....28.10.65
Manuel THETIS....5.11.71
MIDFIELDERS
Kader FERHAOUI (Alg)....19.3.65
Fabien LEFEVRE....14.11.71
Franck RIZZETTO....29.3.71
Jean-Christophe ROUVIERE....4.8.74
Jose-Luis VILLARREAL (Arg)....17.3.66
FORWARDS
Ibrahim BAKAYOKO (Ivo)....31.12.76
Philippe DELAYE....26.6.75
Fabrice DIVERT....9.2.67
Jean-Philippe JAVARY....10.1.78
Laurent ROBERT....21.5.75
Roman KOSECKI (Pol)....15.2.66
Christophe SANCHEZ....4.10.72

Nancy

COACH Lazslo BOLONI
GOALKEEPERS
Frederic ROUX....27.6.73
Gregory WIMBEE....19.8.71
DEFENDERS
Frederic BIANCALANI....21.7.74
David FANZEL....9.11.66
Paul FISCHER....18.9.69
Vincent HOGNON....16.8.74
Cedric LECLUSE....29.3.72
Jimmy MAILLARD....26.1.71
Sebastien SCHEMMEL....2.6.75
MIDFIELDERS
Phillipe AVENET....16.4.67
Stephane CAPIAUX....5.6.69
Youssef MOUSTAID....21.8.76
Wilson ORUMA (Nig)....30.12.75
Eric RABESANDRATANA....18.9.72
Jean-Philippe SECHET....15.7.65
FORWARDS
Christophe BASTIEN....9.3.76
Franck BONORA....11.8.67
Pablo CORREA (Uru)....14.3.67
Wagneau ELOI....11.9.73
Phil GRAY (NI)....2.10.68
Olivier RAMBO....8.9.74
Christophe ROBERT....30.3.64

France

Nantes

COACH Jean-Claude SUAUDEAU
GOALKEEPERS
Dominique CASAGRANDE 8.5.71
Eric LOUSSOUARN 27.8.74
DEFENDERS
Eddy CAPRON 15.1.71
Jean-Marc CHANELET 23.7.68
Eric DECROIX 7.3.69
Erwan GUYOT 20.6.73
Laurent GUYOT 17.12.69
Serge LE DIZET 27.6.64
Christophe PIGNOL 15.10.69
Nicolas SAVINAUD 20.11.75
MIDFIELDERS
Bruno CAROTTI 30.9.72
Jean-Michel FERRI 7.2.69
Jocelyn GOURVENNEC 22.3.72
Claude MAKELELE 18.2.73
Japhet N'DORAM (Cha) 27.2.66
Christophe LE ROUX 7.3.69
FORWARDS
Nenad BJEKOVIC (Yug) 17.2.74
Frederic DA ROCHA 16.9.74
Adel SELLIMI (Tun) 16.11.72
Franck RENOU 19.11.73
Olivier MONTERUBIO 8.8.76

Nice

COACH Albert EMON
GOALKEEPERS
Abdallah BAH (Sen) 30.11.75
Robin HUC 20.3.65
Bruno VALENCONY 16.6.68
DEFENDERS
Bruno CALEGARI 13.5.75
Thierry CRETIER 3.8.72
Olivier FUGEN 17.10.70
Louis GOMIS 6.11.71
Jean-Philippe MATTIO 24.2.65
Thierry ROSSI 12.12.75
Youssef SALIMI 24.8.72
Arjan VERMEULEN (Hol) 19.3.69
MIDFIELDERS
Jean-Francois DANIEL 14.6.64
Thierry DE NEEF 27.10.66
Frederic GIORIA 2.9.69
Zoran MILINKOVIC (Yug) 18.7.68
Roberto ONORATI (Ita) 5.2.66
Henri SAVINI 8.5.75
Frederic TATARIAN 30.12.70
FORWARDS
Mohamed CHAOUCH (Mor) 12.12.66
James DEBBAH (Lib) 14.12.67
RUBENILSON (Bra) 7.8.72
David NEGRE 30.11.73
Franck POTTIER 14.2.75

Paris Saint-Germain

COACH Joel BATS
GOALKEEPERS
Vincent FERNANDEZ 31.1.75
Bernard LAMA 7.4.63
Bruno MIRIEL 5.10.77
DEFENDERS
Jimmy ALGERINO 28.10.71
Jose COBOS 23.4.68
Didier DOMI 2.5.78
Daniel KENEDY 18.2.74
Paul LE GUEN 1.3.64
Bruno NGOTTY 10.6.71
Alain ROCHE 14.10.67
MIDFIELDERS
Bernard ALLOU 19.6.75
Romeo CALENDA 21.8.72
Benoit CAUET 2.5.69
Laurent FOURNIER 14.9.64
Vincent GUERIN 22.11.65
Jerome LEROY 4.11.74
LEONARDO Nascimento de Araujo (Bra) 5.9.69
FORWARDS
Nicolas ANELKA 14.3.79
Julio Cesar DELY VALDES (Pan) 12.3.67
Patrice LOKO 6.2.70
Patrick MBOMA (Cam) 15.11.70
RAI Souza Vieira de Oliviera (Bra) 15.5.65

Rennes

COACH Yves COLLEU
GOALKEEPERS
Fabien DEBEC 18.1.76
Tony HEURTEBIS 28.3.76
Goran PANDUROVIC (Yug) 16.7.63
DEFENDERS
Patrice CARTERON 30.7.70
Francois DENIS 14.5.64
Fritz EMERAN 28.3.76
Regis LEBRIS 6.12.75
Stephane MAHE 23.9.68
Corneliu PAPURA (Rom) 5.9.73
Mickael SILVESTRE 9.8.77
Gary SMITH (Sco) 25.3.71
MIDFIELDERS
Yoann BIGNE 23.8.77
Farid DIAF 19.4.71
Laurent HUARD 26.8.73
Loic LAMBERT 25.10.66
Ulrich LE PEN 23.1.74
Kjetil REKDAL (Nor) 6.11.68
David VOISIN 13.6.75
FORWARDS
Pierre-Yves ANDRE 14.5.74
Mickael BUZARE 30.6.76
Jean-Claude DARCHEVILLE 25.7.75
Nicolas GOUSSE 2.1.76
Stephane GUIVARC'H 6.9.70
Alan JOHNSTON (Sco) 14.12.73
Sylvain WILTORD 10.5.74

Strasbourg

COACH Jacky DUGUEPEROUX
GOALKEEPERS
David KLEIN 13.8.73
Alexander VENCEL (Slvk) 2.3.67
DEFENDERS
Jean-Luc DOGON 13.10.67
Valerien ISMAEL 28.9.75
Karim M'GHOGHI (Bel) 17.4.71
Godwin OKPARA (Nig) 20.9.72
Philippe RASCHKE 19.9.67
Yannick ROTT 27.9.74
Jan SUCHOPAREK (Cze) 23.9.69
MIDFIELDERS
Stephane COLLET 13.6.72
Olivier DACOURT 25.9.74
Kelly KOUTENAY 5.10.75
Francis LLACER 9.9.71
Bruno RODRIGUEZ 25.11.72
FORWARDS
Gerald BATICLE 10.9.69
Pascal NOUMA 6.1.72
Vincent PETIT 2.1.74
Eric VOGEL 12.8.70
David ZITELLI 30.10.68

Germany

Arminia Bielefeld

COACH Ernst MIDDENDORP
GOALKEEPERS
21....Zdenko MILETIC (Cro) 23.4.68
1.....Ulrich STEIN 23.10.54
DEFENDERS
3.....Michael MOLATA 10.2.73
7.....Peter QUALLO 2.10.71
2.....Sonny SILOOY (Hol) 31.8.63
5.....Thomas STRATOS 9.10.66
4.....Ralf VOIGT 31.12.64
MIDFIELDERS
15....Jorg BODE 22.8.69
24....Tim DITTRICH 1.9.78
20....Armin ECK 8.12.64
14....Heiko GERBER 11.7.72
10....Thomas VON HEESEN 1.10.61
23....Peter HOBDAY 9.4.61
6.....Rob MAAS (Hol) 17.12.69
12....Ronald MAUL 13.2.73
25....Silas OWUSU (Gha) 13.9.78
8.....Jorg REEB 6.1.72
22....Johann STENZEL 10.10.74
FORWARDS
19....Josef IVANOVIC 5.12.73
16....Silvio MEISSNER 19.1.73
18....Rainer RAUFFMANN 26.2.67
13....Guiseppe REINA 15.4.72
17....Stefan STUDTRUCKER 25.11.66
9.....Fritz WALTER 21.7.60

Bayer Leverkusen

COACH Cristoph DAUM
GOALKEEPERS
23....Dirk HEINEN 3.12.70
31....Lars LEESE 18.8.69
1.....Rudiger VOLLBORN 12.2.63
DEFENDERS
20....Holger FACH 6.9.62
3.....Marcus HAPPIE 11.2.72
32....Robert KOVAC (Cro) 6.4.74
5.....Jens NOWOTNY 11.1.74
2.....Mike RIETPIETSCH 26.3.74
27....Daniel SCHUMANN 13.2.77
4.....Christian WORNS 10.5.72
MIDFIELDERS
22....Manuel CARDONI (Lux) 22.9.72
6.....Rodrigo CHAGAS (Bra) 19.3.73
19....Jan HEINTZE (Den) 17.8.63
10....Ramon HUBNER (Bra) 30.6.72
30....Nico KOVAC 15.10.71
17....Hans-Peter LEHNHOFF 12.7.63
21....Andreas NEUENDORF 9.2.75
18....Claudio REYNA (USA) 20.7.73
8.....Rene RYDLEWICZ 18.7.73
7.....Paulo SERGIO (Bra) 2.6.69
15....Mario TOLKMITT 30.10.70
FORWARDS
14....Markus FELDHOFF 29.8.74
9.....Ulf KIRSTEN 4.12.65
11....Erik MEIJER (Hol) 2.8.69

MSV Duisburg

COACH Friedhelm FUNKEL
GOALKEEPERS
1.....Holger GEHRKE 22.8.60
12....Thomas GILL (Nor) 16.5.65
DEFENDERS
22....Stefan EMMERLING 10.2.66
5.....Alfred NIJHUIS (Hol) 23.3.66
13....Markus REITER 10.8.76
6.....Oliver WESTERBEEK 8.2.66
4.....Torsten WOHLERT 10.12.65
MIDFIELDERS
10....Dirk ANDERS 26.9.66
14....Miroslav BICANIC (Cro) 29.10.69
3.....Dietmar HIRSCH 8.12.71
2.....Joachim HOPP 10.7.66
16....Marc KIENLE 22.10.72
8.....Markus OSTHOFF 19.11.68
17....Thomas PUSCHMANN 28.3.73
7.....Marino SABBADINI (Bel) 10.12.69
15....Horst STEFFEN 3.3.69
21....Thomas VANA 9.10.72
20....Michael ZEYER 9.6.68
FORWARDS
19....Alexander LOBE 13.11.72
11....Marcus MARIN 13.12.66
9.....Bachirou SALOU (Tog) 15.9.70

Fortuna Dusseldorf

COACH Aleksandar RISTIC
GOALKEEPERS
12....Pierre ESSER 4.12.70
1.....Georg KOCH 3.2.72
DEFENDERS
27....Jorg BACH 20.11.65
6.....Darko DRAZIC (Cro) 17.1.63
5.....Andreas GOLOMBEK 9.8.68
14....Harald KATEMANN 7.7.72
4.....Karl WERNER 21.7.66
15....Rudolf ZEDI 31.8.74
MIDFIELDERS
34....Markus ANFANG 12.6.74
8.....Andrzej BUNCOL 21.9.59
7.....Vlatko GLAVAS (Bos) 2.9.62
28....Rudi ISTENIC 10.1.71
18....Thorsten JUDT 30.6.71
10....Oliver KRONER 6.11.73
3.....Ulf MEHLHORN 21.6.68
20....Vladimir PASIC (Yug) 25.8.70
9.....Thomas SEELIGER 20.9.66
2.....Andre WINKHOLD 4.3.62
FORWARDS
26....Richard CYRON 11.2.65
33....David NIELSEN (Den) 1.12.76
17....Rene TENGSTEDT (Den) 21.1.76
16....Raffael TONELLO 14.6.74
11....Stefan TRIENEKENS 21.8.70
29....Macc's YOUNGA-MOUHANI 1.8.74

Koln

COACH Peter NEURURER
GOALKEEPERS
16....Michael KRAFT 23.4.66
DEFENDERS
3.....Karsten BAUMANN 14.10.69
20....Thomas CICHON 9.7.76
27....Christian DOLLBERG 3.11.71
22....Marcell FENSCH 23.8.75
5.....Michael KOSTNER 7.2.69
4.....Bodo SCHMIDT 3.9.67
26....Reinhard STUMPF 26.11.61
18....Pablo THIAM 3.1.74
MIDFIELDERS
19....Henrik ANDERSEN (Den) 7.5.65
21....Martin BRAUN 18.11.68
13....Janosch DZIWIOR 19.9.74
7.....Ralf HAUPTMANN 20.9.68
12....Olaf JANSSEN 8.10.66
8.....Dorinel MUNTEANU (Rom) 25.6.68
15....Sunday OLISEH (Nig) 14.9.74
24....Michael ROSELE 7.10.74
23....Rico STEINMANN 26.12.67
6.....Patrick WEISER 25.12.71
28....Marco WELLER 4.8.77
25....Thomas ZDEBEL 25.2.73
FORWARDS
13....Holger GAISSMAYER 2.7.70
17....Stefan KOHN 9.10.65
9.....Anton POLSTER (Aut) 10.3.64
11....Ion VLADOIU (Rom) 5.11.68

Munich 1860

COACH Werner LORANT
GOALKEEPERS
12....Rainer BERG 21.8.65
25....Michael HOFMANN 3.11.72
1.....Bernd MEIER 11.2.72
DEFENDERS
15....Holger GREILICH 12.7.71
22....Matthias HAMANN 10.2.68
2.....Alexander KUTSCHERA 21.3.68
3.....Thomas MILLER 13.2.63
5.....Rayk SCHRODER 25.12.74
6.....Bernard TRARES 18.8.65
4.....Marco WALKER (Swi) 2.5.70
MIDFIELDERS
23....Jorg BOHME 22.1.74
17....Daniel BORIMIROV (Bul) 15.1.70
14....Ronny ERNST 7.5.76
7.....Horst HELDT 9.12.69
16....Jens JEREMIES 5.3.74
10....Piotr NOWAK (Pol) 5.7.64
19....Gerhard SCHMIDT 16.11.72
8.....Manfred SCHWABL 18.4.66
20....Miroslav STEVIC (Yug) 7.1.70
FORWARDS
9.....Olaf BODDEN 4.5.68
13....Harald CERNY 13.9.73
11....Bernard WINKLER 24.6.66

Bayern Munich

COACH Giovanni TRAPPATONI

GOALKEEPERS
22....Bernd DREHER....2.11.66
1.....Oliver KAHN....15.6.69
12....Sven SCHEUER....19.1.71

DEFENDERS
2.....Markus BABBEL....8.9.72
5.....Thomas HELMER....21.4.65
4.....Oliver KREUZER....13.11.65
15....Samuel KUFFOUR (Gha)....3.9.76
10....Lothar MATTHAUS....21.3.61
3.....Markus MUNCH....7.9.72
8.....Thomas STRUNZ....25.4.68
28....Frank WIBLISHAUSER....18.10.77
17....Christian ZIEGE....1.2.72

MIDFIELDERS
13....Mario BASLER....18.12.68
23....Frank GERSTER....15.4.76
16....Dietmar HAMANN....27.8.73
29....Stefan LEITL....29.8.77
6.....Christian NERLINGER....21.3.73
24....Markus OBERLEITNER....16.8.73
7.....Mehmet SCHOLL....16.10.70

FORWARDS
19....Carsten JANCKER....28.8.74
18....Jurgen KLINSMANN....30.7.64
20....Ruggiero RIZZITELLI (Ita)....2.9.67
11....Marcel WITECZEK....18.10.68
21....Alexander ZICKLER....28.2.74

VfL Bochum

COACH Claus TOPPMOLLER

GOALKEEPERS
21....Thomas ERNST....23.12.67
1.....Uwe GOSPODAREK....6.8.73

DEFENDERS
13....Max EBERL....21.9.73
4.....Engibar ENGIBAROV (Bul)....5.9.71
12....Christian HERRMANN....16.1.66
19....Mathias JACK....15.2.69
3.....Torsten KRACHT....4.10.67
20....Zoran MAMIC (Cro)....30.9.71
5.....Tomasz WALDOCH (Pol)....10.5.71

MIDFIELDERS
15....Karsten HUTWELKER....27.8.71
6.....Peter PESCHEL....26.1.72
22....Thomas REIS....4.10.73
17....Olaf SCHREIBER....12.9.69
2.....Thomas STICKROTH....13.4.65
14....Danny WINKLER....16.8.73
10....Dariusz WOSZ....8.6.69

FORWARDS
9.....Henryk BALUSZYNSKI (Pol)....15.7.72
11....Georgi DONKOV (Bul)....2.6.70
24....Thordur GUDJONASSON (Ice)....14.10.73
8.....Peter KOZLE....18.11.67
7.....Kai MICHALKE....5.4.76
18....Roland WOHLFARTH....11.1.63

Borussia Dortmund

COACH Ottmar HITZFELD

GOALKEEPERS
12....Wolfgang DE BEER....2.1.64
1.....Stefan KLOS....16.8.71

DEFENDERS
5.....Julio CESAR (Bra)....8.3.63
15....Jugen KOHLER....6.10.65
16....Martin KREE....27.1.65
20....Gunter KUTOWSKI....2.8.65
6.....Matthias SAMMER....5.9.67
3.....Rene SCHNEIDER....1.2.73

MIDFIELDERS
29....Vladimir BOUT (Rus)....24.9.77
4.....Steffen FREUND....19.1.70
17....Jorg HEINRICH....6.12.69
14....Paul LAMBERT (Sco)....7.8.69
10....Andreas MOLLER....2.9.67
2.....Knut REINHARDT....27.4.68
7.....Stefan REUTER....16.10.66
18....Lars RICKEN....10.7.76
19....Paulo SOUSA (Por)....30.8.70
23....Rene TRETSCHOK....23.12.68
21....Carsten WOLTERS....25.7.69
8.....Michael ZORC....25.8.62

FORWARDS
9.....Stephane CHAPUISAT (Swi)....28.6.69
11....Heiko HERRLICH....3.12.71
13....Karlheinz RIEDLE....16.9.65
22....Ibrahim TANKO (Gha)....25.7.77

Borussia MG

COACH Bernd KRAUSS

GOALKEEPERS
20....Robert ENKE....24.8.77
22....Jorg KAESSMANN....28.8.68
1.....Uwe KAMPS....12.6.64

DEFENDERS
4.....Patrik ANDERSSON (Swe)....18.8.71
21....Hubert FOURNIER (Fra)....3.9.67
2.....Thomas KASTENMAIER....31.5.66
3.....Michael KLINKERT....7.7.68
6.....Jorg NEUN....7.5.66
15....Stephan SCHULZ-WINGE....13.9.74
26....Joachim STADLER....15.1.70
16....Dirk WOLF....4.8.72

MIDFIELDERS
10....Stefan EFFENBERG....2.8.68
5.....Christian HOCHSTATTER....19.10.63
19....Thomas HOERSEN....11.1.72
17....Ioan LUPESCU (Rom)....9.12.68
14....Peter NIELSEN (Den)....3.6.68
27....Stephan PASSLACK....24.8.70
7.....Karlheinz PFLIPSEN....31.10.70
13....Martin SCHNEIDER....24.11.68
8.....Peter WYNHOFF....29.10.68

FORWARDS
12....Max HUIBERTS (Hol)....17.11.70
9.....Andrei JUSKOWIAK (Pol)....3.11.70
24....Jorgen PETTERSSON (Swe)....29.9.75
11....Michael STERNKOPF....21.4.70

SC Freiburg

COACH Volker FINKE

GOALKEEPERS
24....Stefan BENEKING....24.5.69
1.....Jorg SCHMADTKE....16.3.64

DEFENDERS
20....Damir BURIC (Cro)....7.7.64
10....Maximilian HEIDENREICH....9.5.67
13....Stefan MULLER....8.3.74
2.....Martin SPANRING....14.10.69
21....Axel SUNDERMANN....23.1.68
3.....Thomas VOGEL....1.3.67

MIDFIELDERS
15....Oliver FREUND....15.4.70
5.....Dieter FREY....31.10.72
28....Marouene GUEZMIR (Tun)....6.5.74
12....Ralf KOHL....28.10.65
6.....Steffen KORELL....27.10.71
9.....Stefan MARASEK (Aut)....4.1.70
8.....Thomas RATH....26.7.70
25....Alain SUTTER (Swi)....22.1.68
14....Michael WAGNER....19.12.75
4.....Andreas ZEYER....9.6.68

FORWARDS
27....Harry DECHEIVER (Hol)....8.3.70
26....Rainer HANNIG....31.5.76
7.....Nikola JURCEVIC (Cro)....14.9.66
16....Paschalis SERETIS (Gre)....7.6.67
11....Uwe SPIES....8.7.67
22....Use WASSMER....22.1.66

Hamburg SV

COACH Felix MAGATH

GOALKEEPERS
1.....Richard GOLZ....5.6.68
16....Holger HIEMANN....12.1.68
25....Marco KOSTMANN....12.4.66

DEFENDERS
13....Andreas FISCHER....20.10.64
2.....Stephane HENCHOZ (Swi)....7.9.74
20....Bernd HOLLERBACH....8.12.69
15....Petr HUBCHEV (Bul)....26.2.64
24....Marijan KOVACEVIC....31.8.73
5.....Stefan SCHNOOR....18.4.71
18....Markus SCHOPP....22.2.74

MIDFIELDERS
22....Jens DOWE....1.6.68
6.....Jurgen HARTMANN....27.10.62
7.....Sven KMETSCH....13.8.70
10....Markus SCHUPP....7.1.66
21....Harald SPORL....31.10.66

FORWARDS
9.....Karsten BARON....24.4.73
10....Andre BREITENREITER....2.10.73
8.....Valdas IVANAUSKAS (Lit)....31.7.66
14....Uwe JAHNIG....26.8.69
17....Michael MASON....28.6.71
11....Hasan SALIHAMIDZIC....1.1.77
19....Jochen SEITZ....11.10.76
23....Stefan SIEDSCH....8.6.77

Hansa Rostock

COACH Frank PAGELSDORF

GOALKEEPERS
1....Daniel HOFFMANN....27.10.71
13....Jens KUNATH....15.2.67

DEFENDERS
3....Christian BEECK....18.12.71
5....Uwe EHLERS....8.3.75
16....Thomas GANSAUGE....4.6.70
4....Marco HINZ....20.2.74
18....Andre HOFSCHNEIDER....10.6.70
17....Heiko MARZ....9.7.65
21....Mike WERNER....13.2.71
25....Marco ZALLMANN....17.11.67

MIDFIELDERS
14....Sergei BARBAREZ (Bos)....17.9.71
22....Stefan BEINLICH....13.1.72
10....Matthias BREITKREUTZ....12.5.71
7....Martin GROTH....20.10.69
2....Timo LANGE....19.1.68
9....Toni MICEVSKI (Mac)....20.1.70
23....Dirk REHBEIN....14.8.67
19....Stefan STUDER....30.1.64
8....Hilmar WEILANDT....29.9.66
6....Thomas ZIEMAR....18.8.69

FORWARDS
27....Jonathan AKPOBORIE (Nig)....20.10.68
20....Steffen BAUMGART....5.1.72
28....Steffen BENTHIN....18.5.70
11....Slawomir CHALASKIEWICZ (Pol)....29.11.63
12....Carsten KLEE....27.2.70

Karlsruhe

COACH Winfried SCHAFER

GOALKEEPERS
22....Simon JENTZSCH....4.5.76
1.....Claus REITMAIER....17.3.64

DEFENDERS
23....Dubravko KOLINGER....29.11.75
19....Raphael KRAUSS....25.6.73
2.....Gunther METZ....8.8.67
3.....Burkhard REICH....1.12.64
6.....Thomas RITTER....10.10.67
7.....Dirk SCHUSTER....29.12.67
4.....Michael WITTWER....18.2.67

MIDFIELDERS
15....Markus BAHR....10.9.74
5.....Manfred BENDER....24.5.66
8.....Thorsten FINK....29.10.67
10....Thomas HASSLER....30.5.66
16....Thomas HENGEN....22.9.74
27....Peter JUNG....22.9.68
21....Michael TARNAT....27.10.69

FORWARDS
14....Eberhard CARL....13.5.65
12....Sean DUNDEE (SA)....7.12.72
18....Timur EROGLU....22.3.77
17....Marc KELLER (Fra)....14.1.68
20....Sergej KIRIAKOV (Rus)....1.1.70
9.....Edgar SCHMITT....29.4.63
13....Markus SCHROTH....25.1.75
28....Igli TARE (Alb)....25.08.73
11....Christian WUCK....09.06.73

St Pauli

COACH Uli MASLO

GOALKEEPERS
12....Frank BOSE....14.2.69
1.....Klaus THOMFORDE....1.12.62
23....Carsten WEHLMANN....27.6.72

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5.....Dirk DAMMANN....14.8.67
16....Bernd EIGNER....1.5.72
6.....Torsten FROHLING....24.8.66
24....Tore PEDERSEN (Nor)....29.9.69
25....Matthias SCHERZ....14.12.71
4.....Dieter SCHLINDWEIN....7.2.61
21....Holger STANISLAWSKI....26.9.69
2.....Andre TRULSEN....28.5.65

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14....Ralf BECKER....26.9.70
3.....Jurgen GRONAU....25.8.62
8.....Stefan HANKE....19.10.72
10....Carsten PROPPER....20.10.67
9.....Thomas SOBOTZIK....16.10.74
15....Christain SPRINGER....15.7.71

FORWARDS
20....Martin DRILLER....2.1.70
22....Demir DURIC....18.11.76
17....Luiz Firmino EMERSON (Bra)....28.7.73
11....Juri SAWITSCHEW (Rus)....13.2.65
13....Jens SCHARPING....16.7.74
18....Oliver SCHWEISSING....3.3.71
19....Kay STISI....12.6.71

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1.....Jens LEHMANN....10.11.69
22....Matthias SCHOBER....8.4.76

DEFENDERS
4.....Yves EIGENRAUCH....24.4.71
18....Thomas KLASENER....14.8.76
26....Johan DE KOCK (Hol)....25.10.64
21....Marco KURZ....16.5.69
2.....Thomas LINKE....26.12.69
15....Michael PRUS....4.2.68
17....Frank SCHON....15.1.71
10....Olaf THON....1.5.66

MIDFIELDERS
8.....Ingo ANDERBRUGGE....2.1.64
19....Michael BUSKENS....19.3.68
5.....Thomas DOOLEY (USA)....12.5.61
16....Oliver HELD....10.9.72
13....Waldemaar KSIENZYK....10.11.63
3.....Radoslav LATAL (Cze)....6.1.70
6.....Andreas MULLER....13.12.62
20....Jiri NEMEC (Cze)....16.5.66
12....Uwe SCHERR....16.11.66
7.....Uwe WEIDEMANN....14.6.63

FORWARDS
11....Martin MAX....7.8.68
9.....Youri MULDER (Hol)....23.3.69
14....David WAGNER....19.10.71
24....Marc WILMOTS (Bel)....22.2.69

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27....Eberhard TRAUTNER....7.2.67
1.....Franz WOHLFAHRT (Aut)....1.7.64

DEFENDERS
4.....Thomas BERTHOLD....12.11.64
19....Michael BOCHTLER....15.10.75
6.....Franco FODA....23.4.66
17....Marco GRIMM....16.6.72
2.....Hendrik HERZOG....2.4.69
3.....Thorsten LEGAT....7.11.68
18....Michael OELKUCH....5.2.73
13....Gunther SCHAFER....9.6.62
14....Thomas SCHNEIDER....24.11.72
5.....Frank VERLAAT (Hol)....5.3.68

MIDFIELDERS
10....Krassimir BALAKOV (Bul)....29.3.66
22....Andreas BUCK....29.12.67
21....Sebastien FOURNIER (Swi)....27.6.71
15....Radoslav GILEWICZ (Pol)....8.5.71
8.....Marco HABER....21.9.71
7.....Matthias HAGNER....15.8.74
16....Gerhard POSCHNER....23.9.69
12....Danny SCHWARZ....11.5.75
20....Zvonimir SOLDO (Cro)....2.11.67

FORWARDS
11....Fredi BOBIC....30.10.71
9.....Giovane ELBER (Bra)....23.7.72
24....Marijo MARIC....12.1.77
28....Helgi SIGURDSSON (Ice)....17.9.74

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20....Frank ROST....30.6.73

DEFENDERS
24....Thomas PENSHORN....27.8.77
4.....Hany RAMZY (Egy)....10.3.69
14....Michael SCHULZ....3.9.61
13....Andree WIEDENER....14.3.70
15....Thomas WOLTER....4.10.63

MIDFIELDERS
25....Mike BARTEN....20.11.73
17....Marco BODE....23.7.69
10....Rodolfo CARDOSO (Arg)....17.10.68
5.....Dieter EILTS....13.12.64
18....Andreas HERZOG (Aut)....10.9.68
2.....Heiko SCHOLZ....7.1.66
26....Timo SCHULTZ....26.8.77
6.....Jens TODT....5.1.70
21....Lars UNGER....30.9.72
8.....Miroslav VOTAVA....25.4.56

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22....Vlad. BESTSCHASTNICH (Rus)....1.4.74
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9.....Bruno LABBADIA....8.2.66
23....Ari VAN LENT (Hol)....31.8.70
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Francois GESTHUIZEN 18.9.72
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Peter REMIE 13.9.64
Barry VAN GALEN 4.4.70
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Bas ROORDA 13.2.73
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Michel LANGERAK 8.7.68
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Cees LOK 18.8.66
Luuk MAES 5.11.71
Jorg SOBIECH (Ger) 15.1.69
Mark VERHOEVEN 14.10.69
MIDFIELDERS
Ulrich CRUDEN 6.11.66
Anton JANSSEN 10.8.63
Marcel KONING 14.1.75
Pavel MICHALEVICH (Bls) 22.1.74
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Maurice GRAEF 22.8.69
Danny HOEKMAN 21.9.64
Bob PELLEN 15.8.76
Patrick POTHUIZEN 15.5.72
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Fabian HO-A-HING 7.10.77
Arthur NUMAN 14.12.69
Jaap STAM 17.7.72
Stan VALCKX 20.10.63
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Bjorn VAN DER DOELEN 24.8.76
Marciano VINK 17.10.70
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Wilfred BOUMA 15.6.78
Rene EIJKELKAMP 6.4.64
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Jan LORSE 4.9.77
MARCELO Silva Ramos (Bra) 25.6.73
Luc NILIS (Bel) 25.5.67
Boudewijn PAHPLATZ 15.12.71
Boudewijn ZENDEN 15.8.76

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Rody HOEGEE 18.1.77
Edward METGOD 19.12.59
Frank VAN DER GEEST 30.4.73
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Gregg BERHALTER 1.8.73
Gerard DE NOOIJER 4.4.69
Reginaldo de Santana MARILIA 22.7.75
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Jerry SMITH 16.8.72
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Rob ALFLEN 7.5.68
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Arjan VAN DER LAAN 10.11.69
FORWARDS
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John DEN DUNNEN 22.7.72
Dennis DE NOOIJER 4.4.69
Carlos FORTES 27.4.74
Dennis KRIJGSMAN 21.7.72
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Aldo SWAGER 1.9.65
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Wilfried ELZINGA 11.8.69
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Andre KARNEBEEK 1.3.71
Arno KNAPEN 20.3.76
Rob McKINNON (Sco) 31.7.66
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Erik TEN HAG 2.2.70
MIDFIELDERS
Paul BOSVELT 26.3.70
Pascal DE VRIES 17.4.77
Niels Oude KAMPHUIS 14.11.77
Theo TEN CAAT 8.12.64
Berthil TER AVEST 19.11.70
Jan VAN HALST 20.4.69
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John BOSMAN 1.2.65
Arnold BRUGGINK 24.7.77
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Tobias SUMELKA 1.9.75
Jan VENNEGOOR 7.11.78

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Rene STAM 27.1.65
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Errol REFOS 19.3.70
Reagwich SLIJNGARD 25.8.77
Eric SMIT 27.9.71
Moestafa TALHA 1.12.70
Dick VAN BURIK 29.11.73
Marcel VAN DER NET 24.12.64
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Michael MOLS 17.12.70
John VAN LOEN 4.2.65
Leon VAN NIEUWKERK 4.11.74
Hans VISSER 17.12.66

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Richard NASS 17.10.73
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Raymond ATTEVELD 8.9.66
Theo BOS 5.10.65
Steven GOOSSEN 12.11.68
Martijn KUIPER 21.11.78
Edward STURING 13.6.63
Arjan VERMEULEN 19.3.69
Erwin VAN DE LOOI 25.2.72
Ferdy VIERKLAU 1.4.73
MIDFIELDERS
Arco JOCHEMSEN 21.2.71
Willem KORSTEN 21.1.75
Evgeniy LEVTSJENKO (Rus) 3.1.78
Ante MISE (Cro) 14.6.67
Dmitri SHOUKOV (Rus) 26.9.75
John VAN DEN BROM 4.10.66
Carlos VAN WANROOY 1.6.67
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Josip BACAK (Aus) 23.5.73
Dejan CUROVIC (Yug) 10.8.68
Louis LAROS 12.3.73
Nikos MAHLAS (Gre) 16.6.73
Roy MAKAAY 9.3.75
John STEGEMAN 27.8.76

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Olaf LINDENBERGH 6.274
Jan OOSTERHUIS 30.9.63
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Raymond VICTORIA 10.10.72
Jan VREMAN 17.9.65
Fabian WILNIS 23.8.70
MIDFIELDERS
Robert FUCHS 15.2.75
Edwin GODEE 26.9.64
Frank LUKASSEN 22.5.67
Michel NOK 13.7.71
Marchanno SCHULTZ 17.12.72
Dennis TE BRAAK 27.5.73
Hans VAN DER HAAR 1.2.75
FORWARDS
Virgil BREETVELD 10.7.67
Bennie DEKKER 6.2.67
Ali IBRAHIM (Gha) 1.9.69
Tom KAAK 31.3.78
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Eric VISCAAL 20.3.68
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Roel LIEFDEN 19.2.67
Robert NIEBORG 27.8.76
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Kurt ELSHOT 3.7.77
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Jeffrey KOOISTRA 10.11.68
Sander VAN GESSEL 4.11.76
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23....Fabio RUSTICO 2.5.76
13....Andrea SOTTIL 4.1.74
17....Emanuele TRESOLDI 20.11.73
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3....Walter BONACINA 30.7.74
5....Daniele FORTUNATO 8.1.63
11.... Fabio GALLO 11.9.70
8....Joakim PERSSON (Swe) 3.4.75
20....Franco ROTELLA 16.11.66
15....Marco SGRO 9.5.70
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7....Federico MAGALLANES (Uru) .22.8.76
10....Domenico MORFEO 16.1.76
14....Federico PISANI 25.7.74
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12....Francesco GNUDI 2.4.72
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6....Giuseppe CARDONE 3.3.74
5....Marco DE MARCHI 8.9.66
13....Cristiano PAVONE 28.6.72
3....Michele PARAMATTI 10.3.68
2....Andrea TAROZZI 17.10.73
20....Stefano TORRISI 7.5.71
MIDFIELDERS
17....Giuseppe ANACLERIO 16.1.74
4....Andrea BERGAMO 23.10.67
15....Michele DE SIMONE 9.2.77
18....Davide FONTOLAN 24.2.66
11....Oscar MAGONI 18.6.74
9....Giancarlo MAROCCHI 4.7.65
14....Davide OLIVARES 21.6.71
8....Cristiano SCAPOLO 5.10.70
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19....Kennet ANDERSSON (Swe)..6.10.67
21....Giorgio BRESCIANI 23.4.69
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2....Giuseppe PANCARO 26.8.71
17....Alessio PIERONI 21.3.76
13....Giovan Battista SCUGUGIA7.10.70
23....Mirko TOCCHI 17.6.78
5....Ramon VEGA (Swi) 14.6.71
4....Matteo VILLA 23.1.70
MIDFIELDERS
8....Pierpaolo BISOLI 20.11.66
19....Mauro BRESSAN 5.1.71
15....Francesco COZZA 18.1.74
21....Daniele FOIS 16.9.78
6....Christian LONSTRUP (Den) ..4.4.71
20....Marco SANNA 27.12.69
7....Eric TINKLER (SA) 20.7.70
FORWARDS
18....Giacomo BANCHELLI 14.6.73
14....Alan CARLET 12.1.77
9....Debray DARIO SILVA (Uru) .2.11.72
10....Fabian O'NEILL (Uru) 14.10.73
11....Roberto MUZZI 21.9.71

Fiorentina

COACH Claudio RANIERI
GOALKEEPERS
22....Gian Matteo MAREGGINI 8.1.67
1....Francesco TOLDO 2.12.71
12....Alessandro ZANDONA 19.1.76
DEFENDERS
5....Lorenzo AMORUSO 28.6.71
2....Daniele CARNASCIALI 6.9.66
16....Giulio FALCONE 31.5.74
6....Aldo FIRICANO 12.3.67
15....Roberto MIRRI 21.8.78
19....Pasquale PADALINO 26.7.72
17....Vittorio PUSCEDDU 12.2.64
3....Michele SERENA 10.3.70
MIDFIELDERS
20....Emiliano BIGICA 4.9.73
14....Sandro COIS 9.6.72
18....Massimo ORLANDO 26.5.71
4....Giovanni PIACENTINI 9.4.68
23....Anselmo ROBBIATI 1.1.70
10....Manuel RUI COSTA (Por) 29.3.72
7....Stefan SCHWARZ (Swe) 18.4.69
13....Danilo STEFANI 19.1.79
21....Marco VENDRAME 4.6.77
FORWARDS
8....Francesco BAIANO 24.2.68
9....Gabriel BATISTUTA (Bra) 1.2.69
24....Andrea MUSSI 25.10.77
11....Luis OLIVEIRA (Bel) 24.3.69

Voldendam

COACH Hans VAN DER ZEE
GOALKEEPERS
Fred ADMIRAAL 27.6.68
Edwin ZOETEBIER 7.5.70
DEFENDERS
Rene BINKEN 6.1.70
Dennis KLEIN 14.4.73
Patrick LEEFLANG 10.8.74
Robert MOLENAAR 27.2.69
Ab PERSIJN 11.4.74
MIDFIELDERS
Gert AANDEWIEL 9.9.69
Dejn GOVEDARICA (Yug) 2.10.69
Rogier HOOGLAND 21.12.74
Pascal JONGSMA 5.10.68
Joeri MOLENAAR 25.8.76
Luc NIJHOLT 29.7.61
Ab PLUGBOER 26.3.64
Paul SCHILDER 14.3.75
Johan STEUR 23.3.62
Marcel VALK 18.4.67
FORWARDS
Hans BOND 5.3.74
Ronald BOND 28.11.72
Aschwin DE BRUIJN 5.5.72
Mark DE VRIES 24.8.75
Klaas KLEIN 31.8.75
Radoslav SAMARDZIC (Yug) 17.10.70
Ivica VUKOV (Yug) 2.2.70

Willem II

COACH Jim CALDERWOOD
GOALKEEPERS
Roland JANSEN 24.9.67
Jimmy VAN FESSEM 7.8.75
DEFENDERS
Taoufik AMEZIANE 23.12.77
Fernando DERVELD 22.10.76
Tomas GALASEK (Cze) 15.1.73
Sami HYPIA (Fin) 7.10.73
Geoffrey PROMMAYON 25.10.71
Robin WIJNGAARDE 7.7.69
Patrick VAN ZUNDERT 14.11.75
MIDFIELDERS
John FESKENS 3.11.65
Bert KONTERMAN 14.1.71
Huub LOEFFEN 11.1.72
Mark SCHENNING 18.10.70
Henry VAN DER VEGT 18.2.72
Marc VAN HINTUM 22.6.67
FORWARDS
Jattoo CEESAY (Gam) 16.11.74
Jack DE GIER 6.8.68
Joonas KOLKKA (Fin) 28.9.74
Marco HEERING 8.5.70
Ousmane SANOU (Bur) 11.3.78
Arne VAN DEN BERG 19.6.73

Internazionale

GOALKEEPERS
12....Andrea MAZZANTINI 11.7.68
1....Gianluca PAGLIUCA 18.12.66
DEFENDERS
20....Jocelyn ANGLOMA (Fra) 7.8.65
2....Giuseppe BERGOMI 22.12.63
13....Gianluca FESTA 15.3.69
7....Salvatore FRESI 16.1.73
26....Gian Marco FREZZA 12.9.75
5....Fabio GALANTE 20.11.73
19....Massimo PAGANIN 19.7.70
3....Alessandro PISTONE 27.7.75
17....Claudio RIBONI 3.1.78
25....Salvatore TARANTINO 20.5.71
MIDFIELDERS
18....Nicola BERTI 14.4.67
10....Benito CARBONE 14.8.71
15....Sergio D'AUTILIA 20.8.77
6....Youri DJORKAEFF (Fra) 9.3.68
8....Paul INCE (Eng) 21.10.67
16....Andrea SENO 1.2.66
21....Ciriaco SFORZA (Swi) 2.3.70
14....Aaron WINTER (Hol) 1.3.67
4....Javier ZANETTI (Arg) 10.8.73
FORWARDS
27....Marco BRANCA 6.1.65
23....Maurizio GANZ 13.10.68
11....Nwankwo KANU (Nig) 1.8.76
9....Ivan ZAMORANO (Chi) 18.1.67

Juventus

COACH Marcello LIPPI
GOALKEEPERS
17....Davide FALCIONI 19.5.71
1....Angelo PERUZZI 16.2.70
12....Michelangelo RAMPULLA...10.8.62
DEFENDERS
2....Ciro FERRARA 11.2.67
13....Mark IULIANO 21.8.73
4....Paolo MONTERO (Uru) 3.9.71
22....Gianluca PESSOTTO 11.8.70
5....Sergio PORRINI 8.11.68
20....Alessio TACCHINARDI 23.7.75
3....Moreno TORRICELLI 23.1.70
MIDFIELDERS
6....Raffaele AMETRANO 15.2.73
8....Antonio CONTE 31.7.69
14....Didier DESCHAMPS (Fra) .15.10.68
7....Angelo DI LIVIO 26.7.66
18....Vladimir JUGOVIC (Yug) 30.8.69
19....Attilio LOMBARDO 6.1.66
21....Zinedine ZIDANE (Fra) 23.6.72
FORWARDS
16....Nicola AMORUSO 29.8.74
9....Alen BOKSIC (Cro) 21.1.70
10....Alessandro DEL PIERO 9.11.74
11....Michele PADOVANO 28.8.66
15....Christian VIERI 12.7.73

Italy

Lazio

COACH Zdenek ZEMAN

GOALKEEPERS
22....Carlo CUDICINI.....6.9.73
1.....Luca MARCHEGIANI.....22.2.66
12....Fernando ORSI.....12.9.59

DEFENDERS
6.....Jose CHAMOT (Arg).....17.5.69
5.....Giuseppe FAVALLI.....8.1.72
3.....Mark FISH (SA).....14.3.74
17....Guerino GOTTARDI.....18.12.70
20....Alessandro GRANDONI.....22.7.77
2.....Paolo NEGRO.....16.4.72
13....Alessandro NESTA.....19.3.76
16....Paul OKON (Aus).....5.4.72

MIDFIELDERS
15....Roberto BARONIO.....11.12.77
24....Stefano BELLE.....24.7.76
19....Daniele FRANCESCHINI.....13.1.76
14....Diego FUSER.....11.11.68
4.....Dario MARCOLIN.....28.10.71
18....Pavel NEDVED (Cze).....30.8.72
21....Marco PIOVANELLI.....7.4.74
23....Giorgio VENTURIN.....9.7.68

FORWARDS
8.....Renato BUSO.....19.12.69
9.....Pierluigi CASIRAGHI.....4.3.69
10....Igor PROTTI.....24.9.67
7.....Roberto RAMBAUDI.....12.1.66
11....Giuseppe SIGNORI.....17.2.68

Milan

COACH Oscar TABAREZ

GOALKEEPERS
12....Mario IELPO.....8.6.63
1.....Sebastiano ROSSI.....20.7.64

DEFENDERS
6.....Franco BARESI.....8.5.60
13....Francesco COCO.....14.6.77
11....Alessandro COSTACURTA.....24.4.66
5.....Filippo GALLI.....19.5.63
3.....Paolo MALDINI.....26.6.68
2.....Christian PANUCCI.....12.4.73
14....Michael REIZIGER (Hol).....3.5.73
21....Mauro TASSOTTI.....19.1.60

MIDFIELDERS
4.....Demetrio ALBERTINI.....23.8.71
15....Massimo AMBROSINI.....29.5.77
20....Zvonimir BOBAN (Cro).....8.10.68
22....Edgar DAVIDS (Hol).....13.3.73
8.....Marcel DESAILLY (Fra).....7.9.68
24....Stefano ERANIO.....29.12.66

FORWARDS
18....Roberto BAGGIO.....18.2.67
19....Christophe DUGARRY (Fra).....24.3.72
7.....Gianluigi LENTINI.....27.3.69
16....Tomas LOCATELLI.....9.6.76
26....Luca SAUDATI.....18.1.78
10....Dejan SAVICEVIC (Yug).....15.9.66
23....Marco SIMONE.....7.1.69
9.....George WEAH (Lib).....1.10.66

Napoli

COACH Luigi SIMONI

GOALKEEPERS
12....Raffaele DI FUSCO.....6.10.61
1.....Giuseppe TAGLIALATELA.....2.1.69

DEFENDERS
2.....Roberto AYALA (Arg).....12.4.74
15....Francesco BALDINI.....14.3.74
16....Francesco COLONNESE.....10.8.71
22....Bertrand CRASSON (Bel).....5.10.71
6.....Andre CRUZ (Bra).....20.9.68
3.....Mauro MILANESE.....17.9.71
13....Luigi PANARELLI.....26.4.76
25....Mirko TACCOLA.....14.8.70

MIDFIELDERS
24....Luca ALTOMARE.....14.1.72
10....Joubert BETO (Bra).....7.1.75
5.....Alain BOGHOSSIAN (Fra).....27.10.70
4.....Roberto BORDIN.....10.1.65
23....Raffaele LONGO.....6.9.77
11....Fabio PECCHIA.....24.8.73
21....Roberto POLICANO.....19.2.64
7.....Francesco TURRINI.....18.10.65

FORWARDS
14....Alfredo AGLIETTI.....16.9.70
18....Nicola CACCIA.....10.4.70
8.....CAIO Ribeiro Decousseau (Bra).....16.8.75
20....Arturo DI NAPOLI.....18.4.74
9.....Massimiliano ESPOSITO.....27.5.72
19....Carmelo IMBRIANI.....10.2.76

Parma

COACH Carlo ANCELOTTI

GOALKEEPERS
1.....Luca BUCCI.....13.3.69
12....Gian Luigi BUFFON.....28.1.78
23....Alessandro NISTA.....10.7.65

DEFENDERS
2.....Luigi APOLLONI.....2.5.67
3.....Antonio BENARRIVO.....21.8.68
17....Fabio CANNAVARO.....13.9.73
4.....Lorenzo MINOTTI.....8.2.67
14....Nestor SENSINI (Arg).....12.10.66
21....Lilian THURAM (Fra).....1.1.72
22....ZE MARIA (Bra).....25.7.73

MIDFIELDERS
13....Alexandre AMARAL (Bra).....28.2.72
8.....Dino BAGGIO.....24.7.71
15....Massimo BRAMBILLA.....4.3.73
6.....Daniel BRAVO (Fra).....9.2.63
9.....Massimo CRIPPA.....17.5.65
18....Pietro STRADA.....11.12.69

FORWARDS
20....Enrico CHIESA.....29.12.70
11....Hernan CRESPO (Arg).....5.7.75
19....Alessandro MELLI.....11.12.69
16....Gianluca TRIUZZI.....9.9.79
10....Gianfranco ZOLA.....5.7.66

Perugia

COACH Giovanni GALEONE

GOALKEEPERS
1.....Alexander KOCIC (Yug).....18.3.69
12....Giampaolo SPAGNULO.....26.9.64
13....Marco STORARI.....7.1.77

DEFENDERS
4.....Marcello CASTELLINI.....2.1.73
17....Silvano CERNICCHI.....26.10.76
21....Andra COTTINI.....23.3.76
5.....Giacomo DICARA.....27.4.70
3.....Alberto DI CHIARA.....29.3.64
14....Salvatore MATRECANO.....5.10.70
2.....Martino TRAVERSA.....6.2.74

MIDFIELDERS
20....Massimiliano ALLEGRI.....11.8.67
15....Ivan GATTUSO.....9.1.78
10....Federico GIUNTI.....6.8.71
24....Roberto GORETTI.....28.5.76
7.....Michel KREEK (Hol).....16.1.71
8.....Antonio MANICONE.....27.10.66
23....Pasquale ROCCO.....11.10.70

FORWARDS
8.....Edoardo ARTISTICO.....16.6.69
16....Alberto BRIASCHI.....13.6.64
19....Carmine GAUTIERI.....20.7.70
18....Marco NEGRI.....27.10.70
11....Milan RAPAJIC (Cro).....13.8.73
22....Daniele RUSSO.....3.7.73

Piacenza

COACH Bortolo MUTTI

GOALKEEPERS
21....Gianluca MARCHESINI.....14.1.79
12....Sergio MARCON.....9.11.70
1.....Massimo TAIBI.....18.2.70

DEFENDERS
3.....Massimo BRIOSCHI.....14.3.69
20....Umberto COLICCHIO.....27.11.77
14....Mirko CONTE.....12.8.74
24....Simone CORRADI.....2.7.78
6.....Settimio LUCCI.....21.9.65
4.....Stefano MACCOPPI.....21.4.62
2.....Cleto POLONIA.....4.9.68
5.....Paolo TRAMEZZANI.....30.7.70

MIDFIELDERS
22....Carlo BALLOTTA.....18.10.77
7.....Eusebio DI FRANCESCO.....8.9.69
10....Daniele MORETTI.....21.8.71
13....Fausto PARI.....15.9.62
15....Gabriele PIN.....21.1.62
16....Giuseppe SCIENZA.....14.10.66
17....Aladino VALOTI.....9.1.66

FORWARDS
19....Gabriele BALLOTTA.....12.2.79
9.....Pasquale LUISO.....30.10.69
11....Giam Pietro PIOVANI.....12.6.68
18....Andrea TENTONI.....18.5.69
8.....Fabian VALTOLINA.....10.6.71
23....Francesco ZERBINI.....26.10.79

Reggiana

COACH Mircea LUCESCU

GOALKEEPERS
12..Andrea ARTICH.....30.8.79
22..Marco BALLOTTA.....3.4.64
1....Ettore GANDINI.....1.5.69

DEFENDERS
5....Dietmar BEIERSDORFER (Ger).....16.11.63
3....Giordano CAINI.....28.3.69
15..Gianluca CHERUBINI.....28.2.74
6....Angelo GREGUCCI.....10.6.64
13..Georges GRUN (Bel).....25.1.62
19..Michael HATZ (Aut).....7.11.70
24..Carmelo LA SPADA.....18.11.69
21..Paolo MOZZINI.....21.11.75
16..Gianluca SORDO.....2.12.69

MIDFIELDERS
9....Angelo CARBONE.....23.3.68
23..Fernando DE NAPOLI.....15.3.64
4....Alessandro MAZZOLA.....15.6.69
8....Francesco PEDONE.....6.6.68
20..Ioan Ovidiu SABAU (Rom).....12.2.68
7....Marco SCHENARDI.....3.3.68
14..Nicolo SCIACCA.....24.11.68
17..Max TONETTO.....18.11.74

FORWARDS
11..Igor SIMUTENKOV (Rus).....4.3.73
10..Sandro TOVALIERI.....25.2.65
18..Jose Adolfo VALENCIA (Col).....6.2.68

Roma

COACH Carlos BIANCHI

GOALKEEPERS
1.....Giovanni CERVONE.....16.11.62
22....Giampaolo DI MAGNO.....1.4.74
12....Giorgio STERCHELE.....8.1.70

DEFENDERS
6.....ALDAIR dos Santos (Bra).....30.11.65
4.....Enrico ANNONI.....1.7.65
11....Amedeo CARBONI.....6.4.65
20....Gabriele GROSSI.....11.2.72
3.....Marco LANNA.....13.7.68
13....Fabio PETRUZZI.....24.10.70
2.....Roberto TROTTA (Arg).....28.1.69

MIDFIELDERS
21....Antonino BERNARDINI.....21.6.74
14....Daniele BERRETTA.....8.3.72
19....Massimiliano CAPPIOLI.....17.1.68
15....Luigi DI BIAGIO.....3.6.71
7.....Francesco MORIERO.....31.3.69
8.....Francesco STATUTO.....13.7.71
5.....Jonas THERN (Swe).....20.3.67
18....Damiano TOMMASI.....17.5.74

FORWARDS
9.....Abel BALBO (Arg).....1.6.66
23....Lampros CHOUTOS (Gre).....7.12.79
16....Martin DAHLIN (Swe).....16.4.68
24....Marco DELVECCHIO.....7.4.73
10....Daniel FONSECA (Uru).....13.9.69
17....Francesco TOTTI.....27.9.76

Sampdoria

COACH Sven Goran ERIKSSON

GOALKEEPERS
1.....Fabrizio FERRON.....5.9.65
12....Matteo SERENI.....11.2.75
22....Alessandro GIOVINAZZO.....4.11.77

DEFENDERS
2.....David BALLERI.....28.3.69
24....Oumar DIENG (Fra).....30.12.72
4.....Marco FRANCESCHETTI.....19.1.67
5.....Moreno MANNINI.....15.8.62
11....Sinisa MIHAJLOVIC (Yug).....20.2.69
23....Emiliano MILONE.....13.6.76
7.....Emanuele PESARESI.....1.12.76
6.....Stefano SACCHETTI.....10.8.72

MIDFIELDERS
3.....Alberico EVANI.....1.1.63
13....Giovanni INVERNIZZI.....22.8.63
14....Christian KAREMBEU (Fra).....3.12.70
8.....Pierre LAIGLE (Fra).....2.9.70
15....Fausto SALSANO.....18.12.62
19....Simone VERGASSOLA.....24.1.76
20....Juan VERON (Arg).....9.3.75
17....Nicola ZANINI.....26.3.74

FORWARDS
18....Mattia BISO.....6.5.77
17....Vincenzo JACOPINO.....9.8.76
10....Roberto MANCINI.....27.11.64
21....Filippo MANIERO.....11.9.72
9.....Vincenza MONTELLA.....18.6.74

Udinese

COACH Alberto ZACCHERONI

GOALKEEPERS
1.....Graziano BATTISTINI.....30.9.70
12....Massimiliano CANIATO.....19.10.67
22....Luigi TURCI.....27.1.70

DEFENDERS
13....Vallerio BERTOTTO.....15.1.73
24....Giovanni BIA.....24.10.68
5.....Alessandro CALORI.....29.8.66
15....Luca COMPAGNON.....11.8.72
25....Marek KOZMINSKI (Pol).....7.2.71
17....Stefano PELLEGRINI.....6.7.67
23....Alessandro PIERINI.....22.3.73
3.....Raffaele SERGIO.....27.8.66

MIDFIELDERS
7.....AMORUSO dos Santos (Bra).....5.7.74
18....Andrea CHIOPRIS GORI.....17.12.77
14....Stefano DESIDERI.....3.7.65
19....Hazem EMAM (Egy).....10.5.75
8.....Mohamed GARGO (Gha).....19.6.75
16....Giuliano GIANNICHEDDA.....21.9.74
2.....Thomas HELVEG (Den).....24.6.71
4.....Fabio ROSSITTO.....21.9.71
6.....Davide STEFANI.....26.6.75
10....Giovanni STROPPA.....24.1.68

FORWARDS
20....Oliver BIERHOFF (Ger).....1.5.68
9.....Claudio CLEMENTI.....19.12.68
11....Paolo POGGI.....16.2.71

Verona

COACH Luigi CAGNI

GOALKEEPERS
1.....Attilio GREGORI.....4.10.65
12....Matteo GUARDALBEN.....5.6.74

DEFENDERS
13....Gian Elia AMORETTI.....1.10.77
16....Marco BARONI.....11.9.63
2.....Diego CAVERZAN.....11.3.69
18....Andrea DA ROLD.....2.7.72
6.....Stefano FATTORI.....26.2.72
21....Antonio PAGANIN.....18.6.66
24....Sebastiano SIVIGLIA.....29.3.73
3.....Paolo VANOLI.....12.8.72

MIDFIELDERS
15....Roberto BACCI.....15.6.67
19....Jonatan BINOTTO.....22.1.75
20....Leonardo COLUCCI.....29.12.72
5.....Eugenio CORINI.....30.7.70
22....Claudio FERRARESE.....7.9.78
8.....Massimo FICCADENTI.....6.11.67
25....Vincenzo ITALIANO.....10.12.77
17....Alessandro MANETTI.....14.6.72
7.....Pierluigi ORLANDINI.....9.10.72

FORWARDS
11....Fabrizio CAMMARATA.....30.8.75
9.....Antonio DE VITAS.....16.5.64
23....Stefano GHIRARDELLO (Spa).....15.1.73
14....Stefano MENCHINI.....8.3.78
10....REINALDO Rosa dos Santos (Bra).....1.7.76

Vicenza

COACH Francesco GUIDOLIN

GOALKEEPERS
22....Pierluigi BRIVIO.....21.5.69
1.....Luca MONDINI.....25.2.70
12....Roberto VERDI.....10.5.77

DEFENDERS
16....Massimo BEGHETTO.....19.11.68
5.....Davide BELOTTI.....24.5.72
20....Alessandro DAL CANTO.....10.3.75
3.....Gilberto D'IGNAZIO.....11.12.68
6.....Giovanni LOPEZ.....23.5.67
8.....Gustavo MENDEZ (Uru).....3.2.71
2.....Luigi SARTOR.....30.1.75

MIDFIELDERS
18....Daniele AMERINI.....3.8.74
4.....Domenico DI CARLO.....23.3.64
24....Fabio FIRMANI.....26.5.78
13....Giampiero MAINI.....29.9.71
7.....Maurizio ROSSI.....16.2.70
14....Mariano SOTGIA.....1.8.69
10....Fabio VIVIANI.....29.9.66
17....Pierre WOME (Cam).....26.3.79

FORWARDS
23....Gabriele AMBROSETTI.....7.8.73
11....Giovanni CORNACCHINI.....22.7.65
21....Ferdinando GASPARINI.....17.9.69
15....Alessandro IANNUZZI.....9.10.75
9.....Roberto MURGITA.....11.11.68
19....Marcelo OTERO (Uru).....14.4.71

Spain

Athletic Bilbao

COACH Luis FERNANDEZ

GOALKEEPERS
1....Juan Jose VALENCIA 18.9.71
13..Imanol EXTEBERRIA 27.3.73

DEFENDERS
20...Eduardo ESTIBARIZ 27.5.66
21..Inigo LARRAINZAR.....5.6.71
3....Bixente LIZARAZU (Fra).....9.12.69
4....Aitor KARANKA 18.9.73
5....Genar ANDRINUA.....9.5.64
10..Aitor LARRAZABAL 21.6.71
22..Oscar Javier TABUENKA 21.4.71
15..Sergio CORINO 10.10.74

MIDFIELDERS
7....Jon Andoni GOIKOETXEA..21.10.65
12..Carlos GARCIA 13.8.70
6....Josu URRUTIA.....10.4.68
8....Julen GUERRERO 7.1.74
18..Bittor ALKIZA 26.10.70
27..FELIPE Gurendez 18.11.75
14..Oscar VALES 13.9.74

FORWARDS
11..Ismael URZAIZ 7.10.71
17..Joseba ETXEBERRIA 5.9.77
9....Jose Angel ZIGANDA 1.1.66
18..BOLO.....5.3.74

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GOALKEEPERS
1....Jose Francisco MOLINA.....8.8.70
13..RICARDO Lopez.....31.12.71

DEFENDERS
2....PABLO Armengot 26.4.69
20..Delfi GELI 22.4.69
6....SANTI.....9.3.74
4....Roberto SOLOZABAL.....15.9.69
3....TONI 4.2.68
5....Juan Manuel LOPEZ.....3.9.69
15..Carlos AGUILERA 22.5.69
.....Ivan ROCHA (Bra).....14.1.69

MIDFIELDERS
8....Juan VIZCAINO 6.8.66
10..Milinko PANTIC (Yug) 5.6.66
14..Diego SIMEONE (Ar).....28.4.70
18..ROBERTO Prieto 15.1.73
.....PIRRI.....10.11.70
24..Radek BEJBL (Cze) 29.8.72
.....Quinton FORTUNE (SA).....21.5.77
.....Veljko PAUNOVIC (Yug).....21.8.77
21..Jose Luis CAMINERO.....8.11.67

FORWARDS
17..KIKO 26.4.72
9....Juan Eduardo ESNAIDER (Arg) .5.3.73
7....Leonardo BIAGINI (Arg).....13.4.77
17..JUAN CARLOS Gomez 5.4.73

Barcelona

COACH Bobby ROBSON

GOALKEEPERS
1.....Vitor Manuel BAIA (Por) 15.10.69
13....Carlos BUSQUETS 19.7.67
25....Julen LOPETEGI 20.8.66

DEFENDERS
2.....Albert FERRER.....6.6.70
3.....ABELARDO Fernandez 19.3.70
12....SERGI Barjuan 28.12.71
15....Laurent BLANC (Fra).....19.11.65
5.....Gheorghe POPESCU (Rom)9.10.67
20....Miquel Angel NADAL 28.7.66
.....Fernando COUTO (Por).....2.8.69

MIDFIELDERS
18....Guillermo AMOR 4.12.67
4.....Josep GUARDIOLA.....18.1.71
27....ROGER Garcia 15.12.76
16....OSCAR Garcia 26.4.73
6.....Jose Maria BAKERO 11.2.63
23....Ivan DE LA PENA 6.5.76
21....LUIS ENRIQUE Martinez.....8.5.70
22....Robert PROSINECKI (Cro) ..12.1.69

FORWARDS
10....GIOVANNI Silva de Oliveira ..4.2.72
7.....Luis FIGO (Por).....4.11.72
11....Angel CUELLAR 13.9.72
19....Juan Antonio PIZZI 7.6.68
8.....Hristo STOICHKOV (Bul).....8.2.66
9.....RONALDO (Bra) 22.9.76

Betis

COACH Lorenzo SERRA

GOALKEEPERS
1.....Pedro Luis JARO.....22.2.63
13....Antoni PRATS 9.9.71

DEFENDERS
2.....JAIME Quesada 21.9.71
21....Hristo VIDAKOVIC (Yug) 5.1.69
20....Tomas OLIAS 4.2.69
4.....Juan Antonio URENA.....13.12.67
3.....LUIS FERNANDEZ 27.6.72
5.....JOSETE.....12.3.70
6.....Juan MERINO 24.8.70

MIDFIELDERS
10....Juan Jose CANAS.....17.4.72
17....Robert JARNI (Cro) 26.10.68
12....Albert NADJ (Yug) 29.10.74
14....Roberto RIOS.....8.10.71
7.....ALEXIS Trujillo.....30.7.65
22....JOSE MARI Garcia.....10.2.71
9.....Vlada STOSIC (Yug).....31.1.65
8.....Luis MARQUEZ.....1.11.71
18....Nenad BJELICA 20.8.71

FORWARDS
.....ALFONSO Perez 26.9.72
19....Juan SABAS 13.4.67
16....Wojciech KOWALCZYK (Pol)..4.4.72
15....PIER Luigi 15.10.71
11....Finidi GEORGE (Nig) 15.4.71
23....Virgilio FERREIRA (Per).....28.1.73

Celta

COACH Fernando SANTOS

GOALKEEPERS
25..Juan DIEZMA.....22.9.68
1....Francisco VILLANUEVA.....27.07.65

DEFENDERS
12..Andoni LAKABEG 14.2.69
4....Francisco SALINAS 17.11.63
2....ALEJO Indias 14.10.66
3....Rafael BERGES 21.1.71
21..Jose TARRAGA 15.4.71
16..Borja AGUIRRECHU.....25.6.68
11..GELI.....15.2.68
22...JOSEMA.....16.1.69

MIDFIELDERS
14..MAZINHO (Bra).....8.4.66
5.....Jose DEL SOLAR (Per).....17.11.67
8....Angel Miguel MERINO 2.10.66
26..David BELENGUER 17.12.72
15..EUSEBIO Sacristan 13.4.64
17..Daniel DUTUEL (Fra).....10.12.67
19..Srdjan BAJCETIC (Yug) 9.11.71
24..Alexander MOSTOVOI (Rus).22.8.68
7....Milorad RATKOVIC (Yug)....16.10.64
27..Javier GONZALEZ 22.3.74

FORWARDS
10..Vlado GUDELJ (Yug) 22.11.66
18..Gines SANCHEZ.....15.5.72
20..Juan Manuel PRIETO 30.6.71
9....Michael Haim REVIVO (Isr) ...22.2.72

Compostela

COACH Fernando VASQUEZ

GOALKEEPERS
1....Francisco FALAGAN 4.10.69
13..FERNANDO Peralta 15.8.61

DEFENDERS
22..MAURO Garcia 21.5.71
5....Javier BELLIDO 9.3.66
2....Francisco VILLENA.....17.8.66
4....Goran SAULA (Yug) 1.9.70
3....NACHO.....3.2.67
21..Jose Manuel GALDAMES.....15.6.70

MIDFIELDERS
11..Angel LEKUMBERRI.....21.1.70
6....Frank PASSI 28.3.66
14..JOSE RAMON Gonzalez 20.5.68
19..Ignacio ERANA 3.6.65
17..Carlos SASTRE 3.8.68
8....FABIANO Soares 10.6.66
20..TONI 4.5.68
10..Dimitri POPOV (Rus).....27.2.67
23..Juan Jose VIEDMA 27.10.74

FORWARDS
16..Francusco LLORENTE.....21.5.65
9....Christopher OHEN (Nig) 14.10.74
7....Bent CHRISTENSEN (Den) 4.1.67
18..MANUEL Alfredo 10.8.68
.....Luboslav PENEV (Bul).....31.8.66

Deportivo La Coruna

COACH John TOSHACK

GOALKEEPERS
1....Petr KOUBA (Cze).....28.9.69
25..Juan Garrido CANALES.....22.11.66
13..Jacques SONGO'O (Cam)....17.3.64

DEFENDERS
19..Jose Luis RIBERA.....11.6.65
5....Miroslav DJUKIC (Yug).....19.2.66
17...NANDO 31.5.67
16..VORO.....9.10.63
14..PACO 18.4.70
4....Noureddine NAYBET (Mor)...10.2.70
2....ARMANDO Alvarez 18.7.70
.....Jose Manuel AIRA 14.3.76
27..Emilio VIQUEIRA.....20.9.74

MIDFIELDERS
8....Corentine MARTINS (Fra) 11.7.69
11..RIVALDO Vito Borba (Bra) 19.4.72
15..ALFREDO Santaelena.....13.10.67
20..DONATO Gama da Silva 30.12.62
10...FRAN.....14.7.69
6....MAURO da SILVA Gomes (Bra).12.1.68
12..Rafael MARTIN VAZQUEZ....25.9.65

FORWARDS
9....Mickael MADAR (Fra).....8.5.68
7....Javier MANJARIN 31.12.69
18..Aitor BEGIRISTAIN 12.8.64
26..DAVID Fernandez 20.1.76

Espanyol

COACH John TOSHACK

GOALKEEPERS
1....TONI 12.10.70
13..RAUL Arribas 11.9.68

DEFENDERS
2....CRISTOBAL Parralo 21.8.67
5....Mauricio POCHETTINO 2.3.72
18..NANDO 30.10.67
4....Sebastian HERRERA 22.4.69
3....Victor TORRES MESTRE....31.12.70
23..JAIME Ramon 15.3.69
21..MIGUEL Hernandez.....19.2.70

MIDFIELDERS
10..Branko BRNOVIC (Yug) 8.8.67
19..ARTEAGA 1.9.69
8....LUIS Cembranos 6.6.72
17..PACHETA 23.3.68
7....Jose Alberto TORIL 7.7.73
17..ALEX Fernandez.....14.2.74
15..Goran BOGDANOVIC (Yug)..27.4.67
12..Nenad PRALIJA (Cro) 11.12.70
6....Adolfo ALDANA 5.1.66
24..FRANCISCO Lopez 1.11.62

FORWARDS
11..Jordi LARDIN 4.6.73
20..Miguel Angel BENITEZ (Par).19.5.70
9....Nicolas OUEDEC (Fra).....28.10.71
22..JAVI 1.1.69

Extremadura

COACH Josu ORTONDO

GOALKEEPERS
13..Francisco AMADOR.....13.12.68
1....Eduardo ABADAL 21.8.67
25..Pedro RIVERA.....11.2.77

DEFENDERS
2....Jose CORTES.....27.7.69
14..Jose TIRADO 4.11.65
12..OSCAR Montiel 6.7.70
3....Antonio PADILLA.....14.9.69
4....FELIX Carballo 4.1.68
.....DIEGO Rangel 23.3.78

MIDFIELDERS
6....PEDRO JOSE Lorenzo 19.11.67
8....JOSE Miguel 27.10.65
10..ITO 21.1.75
16..JOSE LUIS Rodriquez 11.2.72
5....Jose Ignacio SOLER.....30.10.67
15..Luis Victor VERDE 21.7.64

FORWARDS
18..Carlos DURE.....17.12.70
11..Francisco Javier GARCIA 3.8.74
20..ANTONIO Lopez.....20.5.65
Carlos TORRES.....20.3.68
9....Igor GLUSCEVIC (Yug) 30.3.74
21..Enrique ESTEBARANZ 6.10.65

Hercules

COACH Ivan BRZIC

GOALKEEPERS
13..Gaetan HUARD (Fra).....12.1.62
1....Miguel MARI 29.1.68

DEFENDERS
5....Dubravko PAVLICIC (Cro)...28.11.67
4....Jose Vicente LLEDO.....14.12.71
3....Francisco Jose ANTON 2.7.67
.....CARMELO Manresa 29.7.77
16..Andrei MOJ (Rus).....20.10.65
15..Alejandro VARELA 5.10.73
2....Victor Javier FERRERAS 19.11.72
.....Benito SANCHEZ.....17.9.63

MIDFIELDERS
20..PAQUITO 24.3.66
8....Peter ARTNER (Aut).....20.5.66
6....Pascul Luna PARRA 27.2.63
11..Jose Antonio PALOMINO 22.7.73
10..Josip VISNJIC.....17.11.66
18..PAQUI 6.12.70

FORWARDS
14..Eduardo RODRIGUEZ 8.6.66
19..Manuel ALFARO 19.1.71
.....Raul IVARS 26.9.77
17..Janko JANKOVIC (Cro).....14.1.63
9....Flavio MAESTRI (Per).....21.1.73

Logrones

COACH Miguel Angel LOTINA

GOALKEEPERS
25..Jorge AIZKORRETA 6.2.74
1....Jose SANTISTEBAN 27.9.67

DEFENDERS
3....ESTEFANO Izaguirre 2.1.71
17..Francisco Javier NAVARRO30.10.72
12..David CLOTET.....1.12.72
5....MINO 29.1.63
6....Nebojsa GUDELI (Yug) 23.9.68
2....Ricardo CANALS (Uru) 26.9.70
15..Jesus DULCE 22.3.71

MIDFIELDERS
.....Nobuyuki ZAIZEN (Jap) 19.10.76
4....Jochen KIENTZ (Ger).....17.9.72
14..Jose Antonio JUBERA.....14.7.74
8....Francisco Jose CASTANO .29.12.72
22..Vicente URIZ.....28.9.70
7....Jose Fernando MARIN 27.11.71
16..Ivan ADZIC (Yug) 21.6.73

FORWARDS
9....MANEL Martinez.....3.11.73
11..Dejan MARKOVIC (Yug).....26.5.73
10..Jose Luis MORALES 2.8.73
18..Ruben SOSA (Uru).....25.4.66

Oviedo

COACH Juan Manuel LILLO

GOALKEEPERS
1....Juan Luis MORA 12.7.73
25..Carlos David CANO.....17.12.69
13..RAFA.....25.10.70

DEFENDERS
2....Fernando GAMBOA.....28.10.70
18..Viktor ONOPKO 11.10.69
5....Antonio RIVAS 13.9.65
3....Mirka STOJKOVSKI.....18.12.72
26..CESAR Martin 2.4.77
20..MANEL.....7.1.71

MIDFIELDERS
8....Roberto SUAREZ 7.4.74
7....BERTO.....27.10.62
4....Jose Aurelio GAY 10.12.65
6....IVAN IGLESIAS 16.12.71
17..PAULO BENTO.....20.6.69
28..Ivan ANIA 24.10.77
11..Antonio VELAMAZAN 22.1.77
.....Daniel AMIEVA 24.3.76
16..Petr DUBOVSKY.....7.5.72

FORWARDS
9....OLI 2.4.72
33..Roberto LOSADA 25.10.76
10..Pablo Jose MAQUEDA 18.1.71
.....EMILIO Fernandez 28.1.74
14..Thomas CHRISTIANSEN 11.3.73

Spain

Racing Santander

COACH Marcos ALONSO
GOALKEEPERS
1....Jose Maria CEBALLOS.....7.9.69
25....Francisco PINILLOS.....26.10.69
DEFENDERS
2.....Juan Antonio TORRECILLA ..5.4.64
18....INAKI Bollain 6.10.74
6.....Francisco Javier RONCAL 10.12.69
4.....Jesus Maria MERINO.....7.12.67
.....NENE.....5.2.75
15....TXEMA 29.4.71
MIDFIELDERS
24....Sergei SHUSTIKOV.....30.9.70
7.....Esteban TORRE 3.9.71
3.....Francisco SANCHEZ JARA.19.9.69
.....David BILLABONA 5.12.69
19....JAIME Sanchez.....20.3.73
.....Pedro MUNITIS.....19.6.75
17....Francisco SANZ.....29.11.72
23....ALVARO Cervera.....20.9.65
.....Francisco Javier LOPEZ 28.4.73
10....Jose Luis ZALAZAR (Uru) .26.10.63
14....Oscar ARPON Ochoa 9.4.75
FORWARDS
21....MUTIU Adepoju (Nig) 22.12.70
9.....ALBERTO Lopez.....25.2.67
20....Gontzal SUANCES.....3.8.72
11....Ilshat FAIZULIN (Rus).....5.3.73

Rayo Vallecano

COACH Marcos ALONSO
GOALKEEPERS
22....Pedro CONTRERAS.....7.1.71
1.....Miguel Angel ESPANA 14.6.73
26....VICTOR Sanz 10.11.73
DEFENDERS
6.....Angel ALCAZAR.....16.4.67
2.....Jesu Diego COTA 28.7.67
5.....Ramon DE QUINTANA.....6.2.72
.....Jose Luis BAROJA.....21.5.70
3.....Julian PALACIOS 7.11.70
17....Alfonso CORTIJO.....14.9.66
27....FERNANDO Moreno 7.5.73
21....JOSE MARIA Lopez 14.7.65
25....Juan Ramon MUNIZ 2.11.68
.....Juan Antonio SIMON 24.10.72
MIDFIELDERS
8.....Jose Luis GALLEGO 7.12.70
14....MICHEL.....30.10.75
10....Jose Maria BARLA.....1.1.67
18....Angel MARTIN GONZALEZ.28.4.64
19....Stjepan ANDRIJASEVIC (Cro) .7.2.67
7.....Ezequiel CASTILLO.....13.6.67
29....VALENTIN Buiza 9.2.75
FORWARDS
9.....GUILHERME Cassio 8.5.74
28....JOSEMI 6.8.74
11....Dimitri RADTCHENKO 2.12.70

Real Madrid

COACH Fabio CAPELLO
GOALKEEPERS
1.....Francisco BUYO 13.1.58
13....Jose CANIZARES.....18.2.69
DEFENDERS
25 ...Carlos SECRETARIO (Por).....12.5.70
2.....CHENDO.....12.10.61
.....GARCIA CALVO.....1.4.75
5.....Manuel SANCHIS.....23.5.65
12....Mikel LASA.....9.9.71
18....Rafael ALKORTA.....16.9.68
3.....QUIQUE 2.2.65
4.....Fernando HIERRO 23.3.68
16....ROBERTO CARLOS (Bra) ...10.4.73
.....Fernando SANZ 4.1.74
MIDFIELDERS
14....Luis MILLA 12.3.66
6.....Fernando REDONDO (Arg)....6.7.69
17....Clarence SEEDORF (Hol).....1.4.76
20....Dejan PETKOVIC (Yug) 10.9.72
23....GUTI 31.10.76
.....SANDRO 14.10.74
FORWARDS
11....Jose Emilio AMAVISCA.....19.6.71
7.....RAUL Gonzalez.....27.6.77
8.....Predrag MIJATOVIC (Yug) ..19.1.69
9.....Davor SUKER (Cro).....1.1.68
21....ALVARO Benito.....10.12.76

Sevilla

COACH Jose CAMACHO
GOALKEEPERS
13....MONCHI.....20.9.68
1.....Juan Carlos UNZUE.....22.4.67
DEFENDERS
4.....Jose PRIETO.....22.11.71
2.....Juan MARTAGON 22.10.67
23....Misrad HIBIC (Bos) 11.10.73
21....Zigor ARANALDE 28.2.73
3.....Manuel JIMENEZ 21.1.64
18....Luis Miguel RAMIS.....25.7.70
MIDFIELDERS
5.....MARCOS Martin 17.9.68
7.....Rafael PAZ 2.8.65
.....Tarik OULIDA (Hol).....19.1.74
10....Vassilis TSARTAS (Gre).....12.11.72
6.....PEPELU.....21.3.74
22....Antonio GOMEZ.....1.8.73
8.....Juan Antonio SANTAELLA ...3.6.74
.....Francisco PINEDA.....3.11.71
14....Petros MARINAKIS (Gre)...16.12.68
24....Christian COLUSSO.....7.2.77
FORWARDS
17....ONESIMO Sanchez.....14.8.68
11....Ivica MORNAR (Cro) 12.1.74
20....Luis Garcia TEVENET.....8.5.74
9.....CARLOS Dominquez 18.9.76
15....SALVA.....22.5.75

Sociedad

COACH Javier IRUETA
GOALKEEPERS
1 ....ALBERTO Lopez.....20.5.69
25 ..Roberto OLABE 20.10.67
DEFENDERS
2 ....Miguel Angel FUENTES.....6.8.64
5 ....LOREN.....7.10.66
6 ....Jose Antonio PIKABEA.....26.9.70
3 ....Agustin ARANZABAL.....15.3.73
.....Xabier GURUZETA 15.3.70
24 ..IMANOL Alquacil 4.7.71
16 ..Juan Andres GOMEZ.....25.1.71
MIDFIELDERS
4 ....Alberto ALBISTEGI 24.9.64
7 ....Andoni IMAZ.....5.9.71
22 ..Jokin URIA.....12.2.65
20 ..Javier GRACIA.....1.5.70
10 ..Francisco DE PEDRO 4.8.73
14 ..Joachim ACHIAMPONG (Gha) .2.11.73
18 ..Inaki IDIAKEZ 8.11.73
17 ..Hakan MILD (Swe) 14.6.71
FORWARDS
11 ..Luis PEREZ.....9.2.71
21 ..Oscar DE PAULA.....31.5.75
8 ....Gheorghe CRAIOVEANU (Rom) .14.2.68
9 ....Darko KOVACEVIC (Yug)....18.11.73

Sporting Gijon

COACH Benito FLORO
GOALKEEPERS
1.....Juan Carlos ABLANEDO.....2.9.63
27....JUANJO 9.10.73
DEFENDERS
2.....Jesus Enrique VELASCO 16.1.72
8.....Gonzalez BANGO 18.9.68
3.....Yuri NIKIFOROV (Rus).....16.9.70
26....Ruben Dario ACEBAL 25.3.75
5.....Fernando GINER.....31.12.64
4.....PABLO Jose Diaz 5.8.71
17....Francisco VILLARROYA.....6.8.66
29....URBANO Santos.....5.2.75
.....Rafael NAVARRO.....10.1.72
.....ALEX 24.5.74
MIDFIELDERS
.....MARIO Gutierrez.....16.2.75
18....AVELINO Riopedre.....11.11.71
11 ....TOMAS Alberto Hervas.....25.11.70
16....Hugo PEREZ (Arg).....6.10.68
28....David CANO.....9.10.74
14....Marcos VALES.....5.4.75
10....Igor LEDIAKHOV (Rus).....22.5.68
FORWARDS
20....Dani BOUZAS 21.11.74
7.....ELOY Jose Olaya.....10.7.64
9.....Rashidi YEKINI (Nig).....23.10.63
15....Julio SALINAS.....01.09.62

Tenerife

COACH Jupp HEYNCKES
GOALKEEPERS
1.....Marcelo OJEDA.....8.12.68
25....Jose DOMINGO 2.11.73
13....Bengt ANDERSSON 11.8.66
DEFENDERS
2.....Julio LLORENTE 14.6.66
22....CESAR Gomez.....23.10.67
3.....ALEXIS Suarez.....6.3.74
.....Pablo Ariel PAZ (Arg).....27.1.73
17....Francisco ROJAS (Chi) 22.7.74
12....SERGIO Martinez.....4.9.75
5.....Antonio MATA.....28.8.65
MIDFIELDERS
6.....Slavisa JOKANOVIC (Yug) ..16.8.68
19....Daniel DANI.....8.7.72
7.....Pavel HAPAL (Cze).....27.7.69
10....FELIPE Minambres 29.4.65
18....Ignacio CONTE 21.2.69
14....Angel VIVAR DORADO.....12.2.74
20....Antonio ROBAINA.....30.11.74
8.....CHANO 28.2.65
FORWARDS
16....Antonio PINILLA.....25.2.71
11....JUANELE 10.4.71
15....Oliver NEUVILLE 1.5.73
21....Aurelio VIDMAR (Aus) 3.2.67

Valencia

COACH Luis ARAGONES
GOALKEEPERS
1.....Andoni ZUBIZARRETA.....21.10.61
13....Jorge BARTUAL.....18.8.71
25....Andres PALOP 22.10.73
DEFENDERS
6.....Gaizka MENDIETA 27.3.74
3.....Jorge OTERO 28.1.69
23....Vicente ENGONGA 20.10.65
4.....Francisco CAMARASA.....27.9.67
21....Enrique ROMERO 23.6.71
12....Ivan CAMPO 21.2.74
2.....Javier NAVARRO.....6.2.74
7.....SIETES 18.2.74
15....Francisco FERREIRA 22.5.67
MIDFIELDERS
20....Xabier ESKURZA 17.1.70
10....FERNANDO Gomez 11.9.65
14....JOSE IGNACIO Saenz 28.9.73
5.....Antonio POYATOS.....10.2.66
18....Valeri KARPIN (Rus) 2.2.69
FORWARDS
16....Claudio LOPEZ (Arg).....17.7.74
8.....Gabriel MOYA.....30.3.66
22....Jose GALVES.....3.8.74
9.....VIOLA (Bra).....1.1.69
19....Goran VLAOVIC (Cro).....7.8.72
11....ROMARIO (Bra).....29.1.66

Valladolid

COACH Vicente CANTATORE
GOALKEEPERS
1 .....CESAR Sanchez.....2.9.71
26 ....IVAN Alonso 15.9.74
DEFENDERS
2 .....JUAN CARLOS Rodriquez 19.1.65
6 .....Jose Luis SANTAMARIA 14.1.73
17 ....Juan Manuel PENA (Bol) 17.1.73
5 .....Miken ANTIA.....13.2.73
27 ....Jesus Angel TURIEL.....6.10.73
3 .....Alberto MARCOS 15.2.74
4 .....RAMON Gonzalez 25.11.74
.....Agustin VARA 29.8.73
MIDFIELDERS
8 .....Javier TORRES GOMEZ.....9.1.70
.....Ruben BARAJA 11.7.75
22 ....Jose Maria QUEVEDO.....1.6.69
10 ....FERNANDO Sanchez 12.9.71
.....BENJAMIN Zarandona 2.3.76
15 ....Jose Luis MOSQUERA.....10.3.67
16 ....Alvaro GUTIERREZ (Uru) 21.7.68
20 ....John LOZANO (Col).....30.3.72
.....Francisco RUANO 16.7.74
.....PABLO Gomez 21.5.70
FORWARDS
11 ....Jose Lui SOTO 4.8.72
7 .....RAUL Ibanez 10.11.72
9 .....Alen PETERNAC.....16.1.72
.....Jose CHRISTIANO 6.8.77
21 ....VICTOR Manuel Fernandez.....17.4.74

Zaragoza

COACH Victor FERNANDEZ
GOALKEEPERS
JUANMI.....9.3.71
Jose Francisco BELMAN 16.6.71
Cesar LAINEZ.....10.4.77
DEFENDERS
Alberto BELSUE.....2.3.68
Xavier AGUADO 5.6.68
Luis Carlos CUARTERO.....17.8.75
Jesus Angel SOLANA 25.12.64
MIDFIELDERS
Jesus GARCIA SANJUAN.....22.8.71
NAYIM 5.11.66
Santiago ARAGON.....3.4.68
OSCAR Luis 9.3.66
Sergio BERTI.....17.2.69
Gustavo LOPEZ 13.4.73
Vladislav RADIMOV.....26.11.75
INIGO Rodriguez.....18.8.75
Gustavo POYET 15.11.67
FORWARDS
Miguel PARDEZA 8.2.65
Francisco HIGUERA.....3.1.65
DANI.....22.12.74
Fernados MORIENTES 5.4.73
Jose Luis LORETO.....10.2.71

Belgium

ANDERLECHT

COACH Johan BOSKAMP
GOALKEEPERS Geert DE VLIEGER, Frederic HERPOEL.
DEFENDERS Isaac ASARE (Gha), Celestine BABAYARO (Nig), Glen DE BOECK, Olivier DOLL, Samuel JOHNSON (Gha), Suad KATANA (Bos), Chidi NWANU (Nig), Tibor SELYMES (Rom).
MIDFIELDERS Walter BASEGGIO, Danny BOFFIN, Marc EMMERS, Emmanuel KARAGIANNIS, James OBIORAH (Nig), Azubike OLISEH (Nig), Frederic PEIREMANS, Stephane STASSIN, Alin STOICA (Rom), Bruno VERSAVEL, Johan WALEM, Par ZETTERBERG (Swe).
FORWARDS Gilles DE BILDE, Chris DE WITTE, Oleg IACHTCHOUK (Ukr), Yaw PREKO (Gha), Kurt VAN DE PAAR, Josip WEBER.

ANTWERP

COACH George KESSLER
GOALKEEPERS Yvan DE CORTE, Ranko STOJIC (Yug), Yves VAN DER STRAETEN.
DEFENDERS Geert EMMERECHTS, Wim KIEKENS, Johan MUCHER, Igor NIKOLOVSKI (Mac), Pascal PLOVIE, Rudy SMIDTS, Rudy TAEYMANS.
MIDFIELDERS Manuel GODFROID, George KULCSAR (Aus), Gerry POPPE, William VERBEECK.
FORWARDS Sammy DILLEN, Lanze Bemba FATOKUN (Nig), Gouran MAKAEV (Kaz), Alain MVIENA OSSOMO (Cam), Ganiyu OWOLABI (Nig), Francis SEVEREYNS, Willy VINCENT (Mau).

CERCLE BRUGES

COACH Jerko TIPURIC
GOALKEEPERS Sven DOBBELAERE, Yves FEYS, Christophe LYCKE.
DEFENDERS Muisi AJAO (Nig), Alex CAMERMAN, Giovanni DEKEYSER, Dimitri DELPORTE, Wim KOOIMAN (Hol), Bert LAMAIRE, Kofi MBEAH (Gha), Joeri SABBE, Thierry SIQUET, Geert VAN EENOO, Dominique VANMAELE.
MIDFIELDERS Joe BWALYA (Zam), Davy COOREMAN, Frode FERMANN (Nor), Steve GERMONPRE, Kurt SOENENS, Fabrice STAELENS, Ilie STAN (Rom).
FORWARDS: Anthony ANNICAERT, Michael GERNSO (Den), Bjorn RENTY, Ylli SHEHU (Alb), Gabor TORMA (Hun).

Belgium/Portugal

CLUB BRUGGE
COACH Hugo BROOS
GOALKEEPERS Jurgen BELPAIRE, Dany VERLINDEN.
DEFENDERS Vital BORKELMANS, Gert CLAESSENS, Bjorn DE CONINCK, Eric DEFLANDRE, Dirk MEDVED, Erwin NIES, Pascal RENIER.
MIDFIELDERS Eric ADDO (Gha), Yves BUELINCKX, Tjorven DE BRUL, Nzelo LEMBI (Zai), Anders NIELSEN (Den), Lorenzo STAELENS, Franky VAN DER ELST, Gunter VERJANS, Sven VERMANT.
FORWARDS Robert SPEHAR (Cro), Mario STANIC (Cro), Gert VERHEYEN

CHARLEROI
COACH Luka PERUZOVIC
GOALKEEPERS Julien BEGASSE. Zsolt PETRY (Hun).
DEFENDERS Christ BRUNO, Mustapha DOUAI, Roch GERRARD, Emmanuel MASSAUX, Rudy MOURY, Michel RASQUIN, Oliver SURAY, Alexandre TEKLAK, Laurent WUILLOT.
MIDFIELDERS Tibor BALOG (Hun), Drazen BRNCIC (Cro), Dante BROGNO, Gabor BUKRAN (Hun), Marco CASTO, Raymond MOMMENS, Sergei OMELIANOVICH (Ukr), Gianni POLITI, Samuel REMY.
FORWARDS Thomas ACHEAMPONG (Gha), Filip FIERS.

EENDRACHT AALST
COACH Jan CEULEMANS
GOALKEEPERS Dany D'HONDT, Nico VAESEN, Jan VAN STEENBERGHE.
DEFENDERS Janos BANFI (Hun), Dimitri DELIERE, Koen DE VLEESCHAUWER, Olivier LAMBERG, Freddie VAN DER HOORN (Hol), Stefan VANRIEL.
MIDFIELDERS Dirk DAELMANS, Emmanuel EBIEDE (Nig), Junior JOSE CARLOS DE JESUS (Bra), Harald MEYSSEN, Krist PORTE, Kris TEMMERMAN, Yves VANDERHAEGHE, Peter VAN WAMBEKE.
FORWARDS: Houssine BENALI (Mor), Christophe LAUWERS, David PAAS, Sammy VAN DEN BOSSCHE.

GERMINAL EKEREN
COACH Stany GZIL
GOALKEEPERS Matthew ANDREWS (Eng), Philippe VANDE WALLE
DEFENDERS Nick DESCHAMPS, Didier DHEEDENE, Rudy JANSSENS, Marc SCHAESSENS, Eddy SNELDERS, Mike VERSTRAETEN, Bernard WEGRIA.
MIDFIELDERS Stanley ABORAA (Gha), Gunther HOFMANS, Christophe KINET, Ervin KOVACS (Hun), Cvijan MILOSEVIC (Bos), Florian URBAN.
FORWARDS Alex CZERNIATYNSKI, Tomasz RADZINSKI (Can), Edwin VAN ANKEREN.

GENK
COACH Aime ANTHUENIS
GOALKEEPERS Istvan BROCKHAUSER (Hun), Gert DOUMEN, Serge SWINNEN.
DEFENDERS Wilfried DELBROEK, Daniel KIMONI, Domenico OLIVIERI (Ita), Jacky PEETERS, Marc VANGRONSVELD, Dirk VERWIMP.
MIDFIELDERS Krzysztof BUKALSKI (Pol), Philippe CLEMENT, Kurt DREESEN, Didier GAENS, Stijn HAELDERMANS, Besnik HASI (Cro), Davy OYEN, Michel RIBEIRO, Andy STROY, Branko STRUPAR (Cro), Sretko VUKSANOVIC (Bos).
FORWARDS Bart GOOR, Souleymane OULARE (Gui), Bart VANMARSENILLE.

GENT
COACH Lei CLISTERS
GOALKEEPERS Patrick DEMAN, Wim DE CONINCK, Zoran SAVIC (Yug).
DEFENDERS DRAGUTINOVIC (Yug), Edin RAMCIC (Bos), Axel SMEETS, Dirk VANGRONSVELD, Thomas VASOV (Yug), Kenny VERHOENE.
MIDFIELDERS Mohammed BARKA, Frank DAUWEN, Steve DE GROOTE, Gunter DE MEYER, Ronald FOGUENNE, Tony HERREMAN, Nico VANDERDONCK, Nivaldo VIEIRA (Bra).
FORWARDS Igor CALO (Cro), Pascal DE VREESE, Nordin JBARI, Sandy MARTENS, Valery N'TAMAG (Cam).

HARELBEKE
COACH Henk HOUWAART
GOALKEEPERS Ivan DE WILDE, Ronald GASPERCIC.
DEFENDERS Kurt DELTOUR, Danny DEVUYST, Nordine HAMEG (Alg), Daniel MAES, Hein VANHAEZEBROUCK, Tony VANHOUTTEGHEM, Patrice ZERE (Fra).
MIDFIELDERS Olivier BAUDRY (Fra), Alain DE CLERCQ, Florin FRUNZA (Rom), Arkadiusz KUBIC (Pol), Martinus LAAMERS (Hol), Pascal PIETERS, Koen SANDERS, Piet VANKEIRSBILCK, Steven WOSTIJN, Steev YOUSFI.
FORWARDS Joris DE TOLLENAERE, Mike ORIGI (Ken), Piet VERSCHELDE.

LIERSE
COACH Eric GERETS
GOALKEEPERS Stanley MENZO (Hol), Jan MOONS.
DEFENDERS Davi BROCKEN, Albert DE ROOVER, Carl HOEFKENS, Jerry POORTERS, Yves SERNEELS, Eric VAN MEIR.
MIDFIELDERS Pascal BOVRI, Kjetil REKDAL (Nor), Karel SNOECKX, Nico VAN KERCKHOVEN, Andrew UWUIGBE (Nig).
FORWARDS Jurgen CAVENS, Jose DE SOUSA (Bra), Philip HAAGDOREN, Dirk HUYSMANS, Bob PEETERS, Frederick WILKIN.

LOKEREN
COACH Fi VANHOOF
GOALKEEPERS Hans DE SCHRIJVER, Jurgen SIERENS.
DEFENDERS Joel BARTHOLOMEEUSSEN, Rudi COSSEY, Cedomir JANEVSKI (Mac), Christiaan JANSSENS, Stefaan STAELENS, Roman VONASEK (Cze), Vidal Junior WILHELM (Sie).
MIDFIELDERS Jacky BOONEN, Vaclav BUDKA (Cze), Hans DE WAELE, Musa KANU (Sie), Edward LINSKENS (Hol), Tony MOLS, Marcel PEEPER (Hol), Herve VAN OVERTVELT.
FORWARDS Florin CORNATEANU (Rom), Elonga EKAKIA (Zai), Brima KANU (Sie), Jan KOLLER (Cze), Koen SCHOCKAERT, Remo TORKEN (Hol).

LOMMEL
COACH Walter MEEUWS
GOALKEEPERS Jacky MATTHYSSEN, Bart PEETERS.
DEFENDERS Hakan BAYRAKTAR, Rene KLOMP (Hol), Frank MACHIELS, Michel NOBEN, Daniel SCAVONE, Johnny VAN BROEKHOVEN, Tom VANDERVEE.
MIDFIELDERS Gert CANNAERTS, Benny LUNENBURG, Wim MENNES, Rony VAN GENEUGDEN, Tom VAN MOL, Harm VANVELDHOVEN.
FORWARDS Khalilou FADIGA, Marc HENDRICKX, Jochen JANSSEN, Miroslaw WALIGORA (Pol).

MECHELEN
COACH Willy REYNDERS
GOALKEEPERS Pierre DROUGUET, Ivan WILLOCKX.
DEFENDERS Jurgen DE NEYS, Davy GYSBRECHTS, Didier SEGERS, Vital VANAKEN, Stijn VREVEN.
MIDFIELDERS Rovaz ARVELADZE (Geo), Johan BAL, Tom CALUWE, Frank LEEN, Michel MINKO (Bur), Alain PEETERMANS, Marc VAN BRITSOM, Joos VALGAEREN.
FORWARDS Marijo DODIK (Bos), Joao ELIAS (Ang), Ralph HASENHUTTL (Aut), Zoran JEVTIC (Yug), Desire M'BONABUCYA (Rua), Mathieu PEETERS, Wim VAN DAMME, Gunter VAN HANDENHOVEN.

MOUSCRON
COACH Georges LEEKENS
GOALKEEPERS Erik DE KOEYER (Hol), Pascal MESTDAGH.
DEFENDERS Olivier BESENGEZ, Marc DE BUYSER, Fabien DELBEEKE, Danny LENIE, Jean-Pierre THIBAUT (Fra), Donald VAN DURME, Eddy VERBEECK, Claude VERSPAILLE.
MIDFIELDERS Ibrahim BOHARI (CAR), Laurent DAUWE, Nico DECONINCK, Steve DUGARDEIN, Vincas JONAITIS, Dominique LEMOINE, Geoffrey VANDENDORPE.
FORWARDS Ngom CAMARA (Gui), Gilbert MASSOCK (Cam), Lokonda MPENZA, Mbo MPENZA, Gordan VIDOVIC (Cro).

RWD MOLENBEEK
COACH Rene VANDEREYECKEN
GOALKEEPERS Wilfried GODART, Dirk ROSEZ, Jurgen VAN DER VELDE.
DEFENDERS Adrian BAKALLI, Daniel CAMUS, Stephane DEMETS, Spira GRUJIC (Yug), Samuel KINGSLEY (Nig), Olivier MALCORPS, Daniel NASSEN, Steve LAEREMANS, Guy VANDERSMISSEN, Aleksandar VESELINOVIC (Yug).
MIDFIELDERS Rachid BAOUF, Gunther JACOB, Frederic PIERRE, Jouri VERGUEITCHIK (Bls).
FORWARDS Alan HAYDOCK, Dirk LEHMANN (Ger), Kai NYYSSONEN (Fin), Joseph OBENWA (Nig).

STANDARD LIEGE
COACH Jos DAERDEN
GOALKEEPERS Guy HUBART, Peter MAES.
DEFENDERS Dinga AMILTON VILAS BOAS (Bra), Benjamin DEBUSSCHERE, Didier ERNST, Waldemar JASKULSKI (Pol).
MIDFIELDERS Roberto BISCONTI, Dimitri DE CONDE, Guy HELLERS (Lux), Herve HOULMONT, Nebosja KRUPNIKOVIC (Yug), Gunther SCHEPENS, Bernd THIJS, Christophe VANDENBERGH.
FORWARDS Zouir EL KHAJJAJ (Mor), Michael GOOSSENS, Andrzej KUBICA (Pol), Axel LAWAREE, Raphael MICELI, Edmilson PAULO DA SILVA (Bra), Wamberto SOUSA CAMPOS (Bra).

ST TRUIDEN
COACH Wilfried SLEURS
GOALKEEPERS Roland VELKENEERS, Marc HOUDENAERT.
DEFENDERS Tibor BALOG (Hun), Philippe LENGLOIS, Stephane MOLNAR, Steven NIJS, Mircea REDNIC (Rom), Peter VOETS.
MIDFIELDERS Erwin COENEN, Eddy DIERICKX, Johan DRIESEN, Rene PETERSEN (Den), Patrick TEPPERS.
FORWARDS Nico CUERTO, Kurt MORHAYE, Peter VAN HOUDT, Patrick GOOTS, Marc WUYTS.

Portugal

AMADORA
COACH FERNANDO SANTOS
GOALKEEPERS CARLOS, PAULO SANTOS, XAVIER.
DEFENDERS FONSECA, LEAL, MARIO JORGE (Ang), PAULINHO, PEDRO SIMOES, REBELO, RUI NEVES.
MIDFIELDERS Alberto BODELON (Spa), CHAINHO, JORDAO, JOSE CARLOS, NUNO SILVA, RODOLFO, SERGIO MARQUES.
FORWARDS AMILCAR, Erik ANDERSSON (Swe), ORLANDO, PAULO FERREIRA, PAULO SERGIO, RENATO.

BELENENSES
COACH QUINITO
GOALKEEPERS LUIS FERREIRA, SILVINO, VALENTE.
DEFENDERS AMARILDO, CAETANO, FILGUEIRA (Bra), FONSECA (Moz), LITO, MARCO SILVA, PAULO MADEIRA, PEDRO BARNY.
MIDFIELDERS Rachid DAOUDI (Mor), EMERSON (Bra), KIKO, RUI ESTEVES, TONANHA, ZITO.
FORWARDS CALILA, Youssef FERTOUT, PEDRO MIGUEL, Abdel MJID Bouyboud (Mor), QUINZINHO (Ang).

BENFICA
COACH PAULO AUTUORI
GOALKEEPERS BRASSARD, Michel PREUD'HOMME (Bel).
DEFENDERS Jorge BERMUDEZ (Col), DIMAS, HELDER, JAMIR (Bra), JORGE SOARES, MARINHO, PEDRO HENRIQUES, Tahar EL KALEJ (Mor).
MIDFIELDERS BRUNO CAIRES, CALADO, Luis GUSTAVO (Bra), Iljan ILIEV (Bul), Nica Basarab PANDURU (Rom), PAULAO (Ang), VALDO (Bra).
FORWARDS DONIZETE (Bra), Hassan NADER (Mor), JOAO Manuel Vieira PINTO, Gabriel MAURO AIREZ (Arg).

BOAVISTA
COACH Zoran FILIPOVIC
GOALKEEPERS ALFRED, TO LUIS.
DEFENDERS ISAIAS Silva Aragao (Bra), LITOS, MARIO SILVA, MIGUEL SERODIO, NELO, PAULO Ferreira de SOUSA, RUI BENTO, SERGIO DUARTE (Bra), TAVARES.
MIDFIELDERS EMMANUEL (Ang), HELDER, JAIME ALVES, JORGE COUTO, Russel LATAPY (T&T), MARTELINHO, RAUL, RICARDO, Erwin SANCHEZ (Bol), Ion TIMOFTE (Rom).
FORWARDS Jimmy Floyd HASSELBAINK (Sur), RICARDO NASCIMENTO, NUNO GOMES, Sacha SIMIC (Yug).

BRAGA
COACH MANUEL CAJUDA
GOALKEEPERS RUI CORREA, QUIM.
DEFENDERS ARTUR JORGE Torres, GANGA (Ang), HUGO, IDALECIO, LEONEL, JOSE NUNO AZEVEDO, RUI MIGUEL, SERGIO ABREU.
MIDFIELDERS BALTAZAR, BRUNO, JOAO Oliveira PINTO, JORGINHO, PEDRO ESTRELA, RODRIGAO (Bra).
FORWARDS MACALE (Bra), JOSE MANUEL, Mladan KAROGLAN (Cro), Johnny RODLUND (Swe), TONI.

CHAVES
COACH JOSE ROMAO
GOALKEEPERS ORLANDO, Dragoslav POLEKSIC (Yug), RICA.
DEFENDERS HILARIO, Parfait N'DONG (Gab), PATRICK, PAULO ALEXANDRE, Denis PUTNIK (Cro), QUIM MACHADO, RAUL (Spa), TITO, Patricio VIDEIRA, VIEIRA.
MIDFIELDERS DACROCE (Bra), DANI DIAZ (Spa), JOSE MARIA, Etienne MZUMBI (Zai), Marcel SABOU (Rom), CARLOS TEIXEIRA, TONINHO CRUZ, VINAGRE, Mario VOJKOVIC (Cro), Zoran VUKCEVIC (Yug).
FORWARDS Roberto MATUTE (Spa), Nikola MILINKOVIC (Bos), MINER (Spa).

ESPINHO
COACH ZINHO
GOALKEEPERS DAGOBERTO (Bra), LUIS MANUEL.
DEFENDERS CARVALHAL, DUCA, EMANUEL, FILO, GILSINEI (Bra), JOILTON (Bra), LINO (Ang), LUIS MIGUEL, PAULO PIRES.
MIDFIELDERS Nail BESIROVIC (Yug), CARLOS PEDRO, CLEBERTON (Bra), EDUARDO, MARCIO LUIS (Bra), MILTON MENDES (Bra), PEDRO, SERGIO LAVOS.
FORWARDS ARTUR JORGE, BOLINHAS, CAETANO, HELDER GOMES, MARCAO (Bra).

FARENSE
COACH PACO FORTES Calvo
GOALKEEPERS CANDEIAS, IVO, Peter RUFAI (Nig).

Portugal/Switzerland

DEFENDERS CAMILO, EUGENIO, NUNO AMARO, PAIXAO, PEDRO MIGUEL, RAUL, ROGER (Bra), VITOR SANTOS.
MIDFIELDERS CARLOS COSTA, Redouane HAJRY (Mor), HERNANI (Ang), MONTEIRO, PAIVA, Dragan PUNISIC (Yug), TOZE.
FORWARDS BRAULIO (Spa), Milonja DJUKIC (Yug), DOS SANTOS (Bra), HELCINHO (Bra), MARCO NUNO.

GIL VICENTE

COACH Bernadino PEDROTO
GOALKEEPERS JOAO PEDRO, Vatroslav MIHACIC (Cro), VITAL.
DEFENDERS JOSE CARLOS, LEMOS (Bra), LILA, MAGARIDO, MIGUEL, SERGIO CRUZ, WILSON (Ang).
MIDFIELDERS BETO (Ang), FORMOSO, JOAQUIM JORGE, NUNO, PEDRO BRUNO, SIDONIO, TUCK.
FORWARDS CARLITOS, CARLOS COELHO, LIM, NENE SANTAREM (Bra), NILDO (Bra), POSSI (Bra), TARCISIO (Bra).

LECA

COACH RODOLFO REIS
GOALKEEPERS CORREIA, Vladan STOJKOVIC (Yug).
DEFENDERS
ALFAIA, ARMANDO, BAIA, FRANCO, MATIAS, CHICO NELO, NOGA (Ang), PAULO SERGIO (Bra), VITOR MIGUEL, WALTER.
MIDFIELDERS CAO, CRISTOVAO, JOSE DA ROCHA, NANDO, SERGIO PEDRO (Ang), REISINHO, SERIFO (Gui), TOZE.
FORWARDS CONSTANTINO (Ang), OLIVEIRA (Bra), REBELO.

MARITIMO

COACH MARINHO PERES
GOALKEEPERS BIZARRO, Thor-Andre OLSEN (Nor).
DEFENDERS CABRAL, CARLOS JORGE, HUMBERTO (Bra), JOSE CARLOS (Bra), JOSE PEDRO, MARCIO TEODORO (Bra), MARVILLA (Bra), NUNO VALENTE.
MIDFIELDERS DAURI (Bra), EDILSON Barbosa (Bra), FILIPE, Ferenc HAMORI (Hun), HERIVELTO (Bra), Pedrag JOKANOVIC (Yug), MARCIO ANTONIO (Bra), TIAGO, ZECA.
FORWARDS Alex BUNBURY (Can), EDMILSON Dias (Bra), REGIS (Bra), VITOR VIEIRA.

SPORTING LISBON

COACH Robert WASEIGE
GOALKEEPERS COSTINHA, Filip DE WILDE.
DEFENDERS ANDRADE, Andrija BALAJIC (Cro), BETO, GIL BAIANO (Bra), Ivailo IORDANOV (Bul), MARCO AURELIO (Bra), PEDROSA, VIDIGAL, Budimir VUJACIC (Yug).
MIDFIELDERS AFONSO MARTINS, Mustapha HADJI (Mor), LUIS MIGUEL, PEDRO BARBOSA, PEDRO MARTINS, PEIXE, OCEANO, PORFIRIO.
FORWARDS ARTUR JORGE, Jose DOMINGUEZ, Jean-Jacques MISSE-MISSE (Ivo), Ahmed OUATTARA, PAULO ALVES, Ricardo SA PINTO.

FC PORTO

COACH ANTONIO OLIVEIRA
GOALKEEPERS Lars ERIKSSON (Swe), SILVINO, Andrzej WOZNIAK (Pol).
DEFENDERS ALOISIO (Bra), Alejandro DIAZ (Uru), FERNANDO MENDES, JOAO D.S. PINTO, JOAO Manuel PINTO, JORGE COSTA, LULA (Bra), NEVES, PAULINHO SANTOS, RUI JORGE, RUI OSCAR.
MIDFIELDERS BARROSO, BINO, COSTA, EDMILSON (Bra), Peter LIPCSEI (Hun), RUI BARROS, SERGIO CONCEICAO, TULIPA, Zlatko ZAHOVIC (Slvn).
FORWARDS ARTUR (Bra), DOMINGOS, Ljubimko DRULOVIC (Yug), FOLHA, JARDEL (Bra), Grzegorz MIELCARSKI (Pol), Arnold WETL (Aut).

RIO AVE

COACH HENRIQUE CALISTO
GOALKEEPERS MARCO AURELIO (Bra), NELSON (Ang).
DEFENDERS Antonio LIMA PEREIRA, MARCOS (Bra), Joaquim MARTINS, MESQUITA, Nenad DIVAC (Yug), NITO, PEU (Bra).
MIDFIELDERS BAICA (Bra), CAMBERRA (Ang), COENTRAO, EMANUEL, Paulo LIMA PEREIRA, SERGIO CHINA (Bra).
FORWARDS Jorge ALCARAZ (Par), FERNANDO (Bra), GAMA, GAMBOA, HELINHO (Bra), JOAO PEDRO (Ang).

SALGUEIROS

COACH CARLOS MANUEL
GOALKEEPERS MADUREIRA, PEDRO ESPINHA, JORGE SILVA.
DEFENDERS CHICO FONSECA, MARIANO, MIGUEL, Stevan MILOVAC (Yug), PEDRO REIS, RENATO, Zoran HAJDIC (Yug).
MIDFIELDERS ABILO, JONI, LEAO, LUIS CARLOS (Bra), LUIS MANUEL, MIGUEL SIMAO, VINHA.
FORWARDS FERNANDO ALMEIDA (Bra), NANDINHO, NILTON, PAULINHO, SEVERO (Bra), TONI (Gui).

UNIAO LEIRIA

COACH VITOR MANUEL
GOALKEEPERS ADAMO, FERREIRA, Miroslav ZIDNJAK (Cro).
DEFENDERS ALVARO GREGORIO, Stojan BELAIC (Cro), BILRO, CRESPO (Ang), JOAO ARMANDO, JOSA (Bra), JOSE MIGUEL, PAULITO, PAULO DUARTE.
MIDFIELDERS ALBERTO, FREDERICO, Gabriel GERVINO (Arg), HUGO, JOAO MANUEL, LUIS VOUZELA, MARIO ARTUR (Moz), POEJO, SERGIO SANTOS.
FORWARDS FUA (Ang), MAURICIO (Bra), NAZIR (Mor), PINHA, VAVA (Bra).

VITORIA GUIMARAES

COACH JAIME PACHECO
GOALKEEPERS LAMA (Gui), MADUREIRA, NENO, NUNO Herlander.
DEFENDERS ALEXANDRE (Bra), BASILO MARQUES, EVALDO, JOSE CARLOS, LUISAO (Bra), QUIM BERTO, SOEIRO, VITOR SILVA.
MIDFIELDERS BASILIO ALMEIDA, CAPUCHO, MARCO FREITAS, N'Dinga MBOTE (Zai), RIVA (Bra), TONINO (Spa), VITOR PANEIRA.
FORWARDS ARMANDO, EDINHO, GILMAR, RICARDO LOPES.

VITORIA SETUBAL

COACH MARIO REIS
GOALKEEPERS CANDIDO, NUNO SANTOS, Sylvain SANSOME (Fra).
DEFENDERS FIGUEIREDO, GASPAR, JOSE RUI, MATIAS, NOGUEIRA, QUIM, RUI CARLOS (Ang), TO SA.
MIDFIELDERS Aziz DOUFIKAR (Mor), BRUNO RIBEIRO, CARLOS MANUEL, CHIPENDA (Tan), FERNANDO PIRES, HELIO, MAMEDE, SANDRO.
FORWARDS Kwame AYEW (Gha), CHIQUINHO CONDE (Moz), NANDO (Gui), PAULO RIBEIRO, PAULO SERGIO, RONALDO (Bra).

Switzerland

AARAU

COACH Martin TRUMPLER
GOALKEEPERS Andreas HILFIKER, Ivan BENITO.
DEFENDERS David BADER, Sven CHRIST, Mirko PAVLICEVIC (Cro), Frederic PAGE, Beat STUDER, Davide ZITOLA, Bernd KILIAN, Christof OLDANI.
MIDFIELDERS Renato BRUGNOLI, Marcel HELDMANN, Moritz GNEHM, Jeff SAIBENE, Remo SENN, Dariusz SKRZYPCZAK (Pol), Marc HODEL.
FORWARDS Patrick DE NAPOLI, Sascha KIRIK (Mac), Andre WIEDERKEHR, Ivo GEORGIEV (Bul).

BASEL

COACH Karl ENGEL
GOALKEEPERS Thomas GRUTER, Stefan HUBER.
DEFENDERS Massimo CECCARONI, Samir TABAKOVIC (Cro), Yannick HASLER, Yenn POULARD, Daniel SALVI.
MIDFIELDERS Theodoros DISSERIS, Dominic MOSER, Alex NYARKO, Admir SMAJIC (Bos), Bruno SUTTER, Oumar KONDE.
FORWARDS Mariano ARMENTANO (Arg), Mario FRICK, Gaetano GIALLANZA, Jean-Pierre LA PLACA, Hakan YAKIN, Dario ZUFFI, David ORLANDO.

GRASSHOPPER

COACH Christian GROSS
GOALKEEPERS Patrick FOLETTI, Davide TAINI, Pascal ZUBERBUHLER.
DEFENDERS Harald GAMPERLE, Alain GEIGER, Mats GREN (Swe), Bernt HAAS, Giorgios NEMTSOUDIS, Pascal THULER.
MIDFIELD Alexandre COMISETTI, Antonio ESPOSITO, Massimo LOMBARDO, Tomasz RZASA (Pol), Johann VOGEL, Murat YAKIN.
FORWARDS Heyman ABDULLAHL, Joel MAGNIN, Viorel MOLDOVAN (Rom), Nestor SUBIAT, Kubilay TURKYILMAZ.

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GOALKEEPERS Martin BRUNNER, Serge WILLOMMET, Pascal ZETZMANN.
DEFENDERS Ismael TRIKI, Luigi GUALCO, Oscar LONDONO, Erich HANZI, Ricardo IGLESIAS, Manfred OGGLER.
MIDFIELDERS Fabio CELESTINI, Christophe OHREL, Blaise PIFFARETTI, Stefan REHN (Swe), Stephane SAVOVIC.
FORWARDS Philippe DOUGLAS, Leonard THURRE, Martin FRYAND, Sasa UDOVIC (Slvn), Souleymane SANE.

LUCERNE

COACH Jean-Paul BRIGGER
GOALKEEPERS Pavel KARPF, Beat MUTTER.
DEFENDERS Herbert BAUMANN, Peter GMUR, Manfred JOLLER, Ivan KNEZ, Rene VAN ECK (Hol), Stefan WOLF.
MIDFIELDERS Manuel BACHMANN, Ludwig KOGL, Maurizio MELINA, Heinz MOSER, Sascha MULLER, Gerardo SEOANE, Daniel WYSS, Thomas WYSS.
FORWARDS Petar ALEKSANDROV, Martin FINK, Moreno MERENDA, Agent SAWU (Zim), Gurkan SERMETER.

LUGANO

COACH Michel PONT
GOALKEEPERS Rossano ROMAGNA, Philipp WALKER, Massimo PROSPERI.
DEFENDERS Mauro GALVAO, Rene MORF, Marc FIECHTER, Daniele PENZAVALLI, Mauro GIANNINI, Elia REZZONICO.
MIDFIELDERS Sebastiano BELLONI, Jane BUGNARD, Mirko D'URSO, Luca FUSI, Ivan GENTIZON, Maurizio RAMONDETTA, Augustin SIMO.
FORWARDS Giuseppe MANFREDA, SINVAL (Bra), Benjamine FRIZZI, Massimo GHEZZI, Christopher KANU (Nig), Vaidotas SLEKYS, Veldin KARIC (Cro).

NEUCHATEL XAMAX

COACH Gilbert GRESS
GOALKEEPERS Joel CORMINBOEUF, Florent DELAY
DEFENDERS Thierry BONALAIR (Fra), Sebastien JEANNERET, Lionel MARTIN, Lionel MORET, Martin RUEDA, Alain VERNIER.
MIDFIELDERS Didier GIGON, Constantin PANS, Philippe PERRET, Regis ROTHENBUHLER, Charles WITTL.
FORWARDS Patrick ISABELIA, Adrian KUNZ, Liazid SANDJAK, Marek LESNIAK (Pol).

SERVETTE

COACH Vujadin BOSKOV
GOALKEEPERS Pascal MARGUERAT, Eric PEDAT.
DEFENDERS Eddy BAREA, Olivier BIAGGI, JUAREZ De Souza (Bra), Walter FERNANDEZ, Patrick MULLER.
MIDFIELDERS Jean-Michel AEBY, Sebastien BARBERIS, Luca IPPOLITI, Jean-Philippe KARLEN, Samuel MARGARINI, Lionel Pizzinat, Mario CANTALUPPI.
FORWARDS David SESA, Jonathan SOGBIE, Cyrille POUGET (Fra), ANDERSON (Bra).

SION

COACH Michel DECASTEL
GOALKEEPERS Fabrice BORER, Stephan LEHMANN.
DEFENDERS ALAIN GASPOZ, Gergory DURUZ, Dominique HERR, Yvan QUENTIN, Raphael WICKY, Sebastien ZAMBAZ.
MIDFIELDERS Patrick BUHLMANN, Antoine KOMBOUARE (Fra), Johann LONFAT, Christian COLOMBO, Patrick SYLVESTRE, Luiz MILTON.
FORWARDS Christophe BONVIN, Frederic CHASSOT, MIRANDINHA (Bra), Vladen LUKIC (Yug), Darko PANCEV (Mac), Otto VINCZE (Hun), Illia NAJDOVSKI (Bul), Alexandre REY.

ST GALLEN

COACH Roger HEGI
GOALKEEPERS Jorg SOEL, Thomas ALDER.
DEFENDERS Markus BRUNNER, Ivan DAL SANTO, Adrian EUGSTER, Dorjee TSAWA, Marco ZWYSSIG, Herbert KOCH.
MIDFIELDERS Mohammed MOUIDI, David NYATHI (SA), Rico FUCHS, Sizwe MOTOUNG (SA).
FORWARDS Marc ZELLWEGER, Phil MASINGA (SA), Giorgio CONTINI, Adrian ALLENSPACH.

YOUNG BOYS

COACH Jean-Marie CONZ
GOALKEEPERS Bernard PULVER, Peter KOBEL.
DEFENDERS Hugo STREUN, Rachid NEGROUZ (Mor), Adrian AEBI, Martin LENGEN, Rolf ROTZETTER, Diango MALACARNE, Roger KUFFER.
MIDFIELDERS Alain BAUMANN, Gabor PUSZTAI, Philippe EICH, Robert PRYTZ, Dominik NEFF, Raphael KEHRLI.
FORWARDS Marc BRECHBUHL, Andres GERBER, Bahram HATEF, Luca GIANINAZZI, Gabriel OKOLOSI.

ZURICH

COACH Raimondo PONTE
GOALKEEPERS Ike Ibrahim SHORUNMY (Nig), Patrick MADER, Ueli BRUNNER.
DEFENDERS Urs FISCHER, Giuseppe GAMBINO, Jom ANDERSEN, Giuseppe MAZZARELLI, Jurg STUDER, Mohamed KONJIC (Cro).
MIDFIELDERS Robert HUGER, Jerren NIXON, Daniel TARONE, Rene WEILER, Ronald ZIEGLER, Julio TEJEDA (Spa).
FORWARDS Pascal CASTILLO, Franco DI JORIO, Shabani NONDA, Roberto BALDASSARRI.

EUROPE

Belgium

Scifo starts afresh

ENZO SCIFO was reluctant to change positions so late in his career but he has done so to dramatic effect for Belgium.

By asking the captain to drop back from his customary creative position in midfield to a withdrawn holding role, national coach Wilfred Van Moer may just have prolonged the international career of Scifo, Belgium's most celebrated schemer, who is now 30.

The switch worked wonders for Van Moer during Belgium's 2-1 win over Turkey in a World Cup qualifier, even if the Turks looked by far the better side during the last half hour when, curiously, they were a man short. Then, with the Turks piling forward following substitute Yalcin Sergen's dismissal, Scifo's composure held the Belgians together.

They are a young side, and look up to the experienced Scifo. "I tried to guide them," he said. "They are young and eager, which helps as they follow my advice. It wasn't my choice to play this role, but I agreed to do it, having played there twice for my club, Monaco, in friendlies. It's interesting but that doesn't mean to say I'll always do it. I'll do it if the need arises."

That need almost certainly will arise on November 11, when Van Moer's team receive Holland in the King Baudoin stadium, where they will hope for better support than they enjoyed in their last game there.

Turks flooding in from France, Holland and Germany on the day of the game caused chaos at the turnstiles, and the outnumbered home supporters had to be moved to another section of the ground. Calculations were that there were 20,000 Turks in the crowd of 36,000.

Goals by Marc Degryse and the Brazilian-born Fiorentina-based Luis Oliveira put Belgium in control by half-time.

Sergen's eventful seven-minute stay as substitute also contained the goal that put the Turks back in the game.

Revenge of a sort came from Sergen when his club, Besiktas, knocked RWDM out of the UEFA Cup on a night when Ekeren also went out, beaten by Casino Graz on the away goals rule in Austria.

Anderlecht and Club Brugge kept the Belgian flag flying with comfortable victories.

NICHOLAS HARLING

New role . . . National team schemer Enzo Scifo

Luxembourg

Wiltz spring a surprise

WITH the new season just over a month old, the surprise team in the National Division are FC Wiltz.

Wiltz, who made many changes after last season's disappointments, including a new coach in Rob Delahaye, are second on goal difference behind CS Grevenmacher.

They currently have a maximum 15 points from five games following some impressive performances, including a 2-0 win over Union with goals from Belgian Franco Lovino.

Defending champions Jeunesse are third, with Avenir fourth, seven points adrift of the leaders.

The most surprising news is that F91 Dudelange are bottom of the table after four straight defeats. This despite the signing of Luxembourg international Roby Langers from Eintracht Trier.

The national side warmed up for the World Cup qualifier against Bulgaria with friendlies against Bundesliga side MSV Duisburg and Swiss club Aarau.

National coach Paul Philipp has made two changes, bringing in Red Boys striker Yves Hienen and recalling Serge Thill.

● In Liechtenstein, FC Vaduz's dream of Cup-winners Cup glory was ended by the holders Paris Saint-Germain, 7-0 on aggregate.

But it was by no means embarrassing. If they had taken two clear chances, one by Hasler, the other by Egemont, the result could have been far closer.

The money earned from the two matches has ensured another year of finacial stability for Vaduz. Changes in the national team are likely after good displays from some of the uncapped youngsters.

TIM BRICE

Player profile — Charles Musonda

CHARLES MUSONDA, who has made a remarkable recovery from injury, has not yet set his sights on an international comeback with Zambia.

"I can't really say except that I am an international footballer and if the coach wants me to play he can call me up," he said. "Zambia is where I was born and will always have a special place in my heart. But Belgium, the country where I work, is just as important to me."

A near-crippling knee injury kept Musonda out of the game for more than two years, and doctors said he would never play again. But now he is back at Anderlecht, where he made his name as a Cup-winner in 1988 and 1989 and a European Cup-winners Cup finalist in 1990.

After several operations, protracted treatment on his right knee and numerous failed comebacks, Musonda completed his return when he went on for the final 15 minutes of a League match against Lommel. "A fantastic moment – the heart-warming reception of the fans is something I will never forget," he says.

Musonda suffered the injury in February 1994, in a match against city rivals RWD Molenbeek, but had been suffering pain on and off for almost three years. "I knew something was wrong with my knee but I wanted to play. It cost me dearly."

Doctors wrote him off in early 1995 and the club had let him go after numerous failed bids at restarting his career. Anderlecht had considered offering Musonda a coaching position, in some sort of junior role, but his inability to speak Flemish and French properly, despite years of being cajoled by the club, left them unable to find him a place within the structures.

"I was unable to train hard enough to allow the muscle to rebuild and I had given up hope," he added. So earlier this year he went off to California, where former team-mate Stephen Keshi had settled and was playing with a local team.

"America was the ideal place to recover," says Musonda, who is still only 27. "At first I just played in the garden with my children, and then I trained in the park with Stephen. Then I found a small team in Sacramento where Stephen played libero and I was in midfield, my favourite position. I didn't tackle, just passed and moved the ball around. We just played for the pleasure of it."

Musonda's knee gradually started healing itself – a rare phenomenon according to Anderlecht doctors, who still remain cautious about his comeback. But for Musonda it is a miracle cure and as far as he is concerned he is back to stay at the club where his promising career was so painfully halted.

Now he has a contract until June next year, and says: "I am beside myself with joy. When I got to Anderlecht, it was like I was back home. It was like nothing had changed. Sometimes I wonder if I had ever left. I know that I can always rely on the club and I hope that soon they will rely on me.

"The knee doesn't plague me at all now, but obviously I will take things easy as I continue to strengthen it."

Musonda's incredible self-belief and insistence that his career was not over is now paying dividends. He believes he will soon be back to his best.

"I want to prove to myself that I can still play professional football. If you like something, you never lose that affection. Football is a big part of my life, something I lost but wanted back."

MARK GLEESON

CHARLES MUSONDA
Anderlecht & Zambia

Born August 22, 1969, in Mufulira, Zambia
Previous Clubs
Mufulira Wanderers (Zam), Cercle Bruges
Honours
Zambian international; Belgian League 1990-91, 1992-93; Belgian Cup 1988, 1989; Cup-winners Cup runner-up 1990

Turkey

Saffet stars at start

New season, new club . . . Saffet of Fenerbahce

SAFFET SANCAKLI has been one of the outstanding players in Turkey so far this season, proving that experience is just as valuable as youth.

Two goals in his first three games indicated that Fenerbahce were not wrong when paying £1.33million for his three-year contract when he left Kocaelispor.

Saffet has now changed clubs 11 times in 10 years, and has played for all the big three, Besiktas, Galatasaray and now Fenerbahce. He seems to get goals wherever he goes – 86 in 120 League games since 1992, for example.

His transfer went through too late for him to play in the opening Champions League 1-1 draw with Rapid Vienna, but he will be available for future matches.

Fenerbahce are second in the League, two points behind Bursaspor and one behind Trabzonspor and Galatasaray, after six games, but they are having problems with international goalkeeper Rustu Rencber.

He needs an operation on an injured knee, but insists that he will keep on playing for both his club and his country.

Gala also need a goalkeeper, having parted company with American Brad Friedel, and a striker, with Romanian Adrian Ilie (Steaua Bucharest) the main target.

The first legs of the four European club games provided a Turkish record – all four avoided defeat.

In addition to the Fenerbahce result, Besiktas beat Molenbeek and Trabzonspor overcame Bodo Glimt, in the UEFA Cup, and Galatasaray defeated Constructoral of Moldova in the Cup-winners Cup.

The World Cup qualifying campaign began badly for the Turks – a 2-1 defeat by Belgium. Sergen revived hopes with a goal to cut the deficit after 57 minutes, but was sent off soon afterwards.

HASAN CEMALI

Malta

Sunderland starts well

ALAN SUNDERLAND, new manager of Birkirkara, said, "I hope to make an impact with the side we have assembled," just before the start of the new Premier League format.

He was soon proved right. Former Wolves, Arsenal and Ipswich forward Sunderland shot his new side to the top of the table with maximum points from the first three games, including a 3-2 win over champions Sliema.

Another Englishman doing well this season is Ron Fenton, coach of Floriana, who share top spot with Birkirkara. Floriana beat championship favourites Valletta 2-1 on the opening day, with two goals by new Nigerian striker Victor Egere.

Newly-promoted Pieta Hotspurs surprisingly come next, with seven points.

Champions Sliema find themselves embarrassingly third from bottom with only one point. Defeats by Birkirkara and Hibernians meant that player-coach Mark Miller carries a big burden.

Title favourites Valletta also got off to a disappointing start. After the defeat by Floriana and a 1-1 draw with Sliema, they got back on song by defeating newcomers Lija Athletic 5-2.

National coach Milorad Kosanovic put his faith in youth for the World Cup qualifiers against the Czech Republic in Prague and Slovakia in Bratislava.

Kosavovic summoned Rabat Ajax marksman Adrian Mifsud and the Sliema duo of George Mallia and Karl Bonnici. They could not prevent humiliating defeats, conceding six in each game.

Kosanovic had been optimistic after the recent friendly loss to Iceland in Rejkjavik. Despite losing 2-1, he was pleased with his side's overall performance.

DOMENICO AQUILINA

Israel

Eyal equals record

THE Israeli transfer record of £750,000 set by Ronny Rosenthal's move in 1990 from Standard Liege to Liverpool was equalled when Southampton forked out the same figure to sign Maccabi Haifa's impish midfielder Eyal Berkowitz.

Graeme Souness finally plumped for the 24-year-old international following Southampton's disastrous opening form in the Premiership. Berkowitz had impressed in pre-season trials, but Souness baulked at the last moment from putting pen to paper.

It will be interesting to see whether Berkowitz's undoubted skill can flower in the rough and tumble of the English game. His physique suits light conditions and he could have problems making his mark during the winter months. On the other hand, Berkowitz is the sort of player who can suddenly change the course of a game with one pass and he has the potential to act with devastating effect against flat-footed defences.

Rafi to the rescue . . . keeper Cohen foils Bulgaria's Lechkov

Maccabi Haifa's other ace midfielder, Haim Revivo, has slotted in quickly at his new Spanish club, Celta Vigo, already making his mark with the fans and team-mates.

Revivo and Berkowitz were the stars of Israel's World Cup qualifier against Bulgaria. Israel were down within two minutes after keeper Rafi Cohen gave away an absurd penalty, but stormed back to seize a 2-1 victory that coach Shlomo Scharf rated close to his team's historic 1993 win in Paris over France.

The eternally-optimistic Israeli press is already viewing qualification as a distinct possibility if the national side can widen their encounter with Russia.

Despite losing their two top players, Maccabi Haifa have managed to string some good results together to stay in the leading pack after three rounds of domestic action.

Champions Maccabi Tel Aviv have made a quiet start, preferring to concentrate on the UEFA Cup. The Tel Avivians managed to score two vital away goals in a 3-2 defeat to Spain's Tenerife, then followed up in the return with a 1-1 draw, a decent result, but not good enough to go through.

DEREK FATTAL

Albania

Lushnja sign a Brazilian

THE first Brazilian to play for an Albanian club has now arrived at newly-promoted FK Lushnja.

He is 23-year-old Carlos Eduardo de Souza, known as Edu, who played for Flamengo of Rio de Janeiro and then in Greece and Cyprus before joining Lushnja.

His salary will be a basic £33,000 per year – an Albanian record.

Lushnja club president Pellumb Xhaferri is anxious for his club to build on their success, and the Edu deal brings his spending to around £135,000 on six newcomers.

A good start in the League was followed by a Cup victory over FK Tirana, who did the double last season, so the deals seem to be paying off.

Poor results by Albanian clubs in European competition at the start of this season had a sequel when coach Bejkush Birce lost his job with Flamurtari.

They lost 3-0 on aggregate to Chemlon Humene of Slovakia, and Birce paid the price. The veteran coach was replaced by Leonidha Curri, who coached the Vlore club in the 1980s.

GEZIM NUSHI

Portugal

Porto under suspicion

THE BIG Three of Portuguese football (Benfica, FC Porto and Sporting Lisbon) continue to head the League. The trio are currently level at the top, although they have all conceded a draw to lesser opposition.

However, the three are not as dominant as they used to be. So-called smaller clubs are fighting back and in many cases, winning. Guimaraes are a good example. They are a well-run club, the only one in the country without debts. They pulled off one of the shocks of the UEFA Cup first round when they knocked out Italy's Parma.

The rivalry among the 'Gang of Three', however, remains. It dates back to the days when football was introduced to Portugal by the British Marconi engineers at Carcavelos.

Now, after so many years, FC Porto think they have done enough to break the monopoly that was once exclusive to Benfica and Sporting.

True, Porto have been the most successful club in the last 10 years, but they seem to be taking things a little too far in their bid for complete supremacy.

Allegations about referee bias are rife throughout the country. The refereeing of the recent game at Leiria between Uniao de Leiria and FC Porto has become something of a national scandal. Victory, of course, went to the champions, while little Leiria were left despairing at the refereeing.

Everybody thinks that a closer look is needed at the question of refereeing of FC Porto games. What is going on?

There's no doubt that football nowdays is played at levels other than just the pitch. A great club cannot afford to lose sight of the organisational links with the FA, the League and the referees's associations.

It just so happens that FC Porto chairman Pinto da Costa has beecome the chairman of the League, where he has planted some of his own staff. The chairman of the commitee that appoints referees for First Division games, Dr Cruz Pereira, is also an FC Porto delegate.

Mr Pereira is a judge and all the FC Porto personnel at the League and FA are very honourable people. But there is no smoke without fire.

Ignoring their critics, Porto, now managed by former national coach Antonio Oliveira, came to Lisbon and lifted the Supercup after an historic result, 5-0 against an unrecognnisable Benfica.

It was dark night in the Stadium of Light, made worse by the death of photographer and Benfica supporter Nuno Ferrari *(see Libero, page 8)*.

ALBERTO DA SILVA

Greece

Serbian influence grows

SERBS continue to be the dominant foreign force in the Greek First Division, as the new season began with 68 foreign players. Twenty-two Serbs are playing among the 18 clubs, with the Brazilians next best represented with nine players.

Representing other countries in the League are Poland (four players), Czech Republic, Cameroon and Ghana (three), Scotland, Albania, Bosnia, Romania, Bulgaria, Georgia and Ukraine (two), and one each from Denmark, Belgium, Switzerland, Holland, Austria, Armenia, Argentina, the FYR Macedonia, Slovakia and Nigeria.

Before the break for Greek general elections on September 22, Olympiakos, Piraeus, Panathinaikos Athens, Paniliakos Pyrgos, Panahalki Patras and Ionikos Nikea were all level at the top of the table with two victories in as many contests.

Defending champions Panathinaikos have been boosted this season with the addition of three top young international players: Nilos Liberopoulos, Giorgos Nasiopoulos and Albanian, Blendar Kola.

This season, Olympiakos have acquired Serb, Predrag Djordjevic, Bosnian, Refik Sabanadzovic and Greeks, Stelios Yiannakopoulos and Andreas Ninladis.

AEK Athens picked up international midfielder Demis Nikolaldis, Brazilian, Verldiano Marcelo, defender Triantafyllos Macherldis and Romanian international defender, Anton Dompos.

The Greek national team continued their winning ways in the World Cup qualifying rounds with an easy 3-0 victory at home to Bosnia, playing their first match since declaring independence in 1992. Playing in the southern coastal town of Kalamata before 5,000 spectators, Marinos Ouzounidia scored in the first half and Stratos Apostolakis and Demis Nikolaidis added two in the second half.

LOU ECONOMOPOULOS

Player profile — Jardel

THE Champions League promises to be full of upsets this term – yet few of the surprises will match FC Porto's achievement on the very first matchday in beating Milan 3-2 in the Italians' own backyard.

It was the first time in four meetings in European competition that Porto had scored against Milan; it was the first time the Italian champions had lost in Europe in the Stadio Meazza at San Siro since they went down 2-1 to Belgium's Waregem in the UEFA Cup in 1985; and it was the first time Milan had conceded as many as three goals at home in continental competition since their European debut, against Saarbrucken, in the inaugural Champions Cup in the autumn of 1955.

Ironically, the man who did the most to despatch them appeared only as a 61st-minute attacking substituting – after having not been considered good enough a year ago to obtain a United Kingdom work permit to join Scottish champions Rangers.

His name is Mario Jardel de Almeida Ribeiro – known simply as Jardel. He is Brazilian and his two late strikes turned what promised to be a 2-1 defeat into the Shock of the Season So Far. Those goals would also have irked officials of Paris Saint-Germain and Benfica. Both clubs could have signed Jardel this summer long before Porto entered the transfer picture, but dragged their feet.

Jardel is just 23, his story the traditional one of Brazilian rags to riches. His first games of football were played in the street where he was spotted by a scout for the Rio de Janeiro giants, Vasco da Gama. Three seasons in a row his goals shot Vasco to the Rio League title. In the middle year, in 1993, he won the World Youth Cup.

A transfer to Gremio of Porto Alegre brought more success. Jardel was top scorer as Gremio won the South American club championship and then he collected a World Club Cup runners-up medal against Ajax Amsterdam in Tokyo at the end of last year.

In 14 months up until his summer transfer to Porto, Jardel scored 65 goals – almost half of them with headers. He says: "I live for goals. It's a great feeling. I'm sure I will score a lot of goals for Porto."

Jardel and wife Karen, a top model in Brazil who gave birth to their first child days before the Milan match, have quickly made themselves at home in the northern Portuguese city. They have even taken over the car previously used by Barcelona-bound coach Bobby Robson and Jardel says: "I hope I have also inherited his success rate."

The evidence of San Siro surely speaks for itself.

KEIR RADNEDGE

JARDEL
FC Porto

Born September 18, 1973, in Rio de Janeiro
Previous Clubs
Gremio Porto Alegre (Bra), Vasco da Gama (Bra)
Honours
World Club Cup runner-up 1995
Libertadores Cup 1995
Rio State Championship 1992, 1993, 1994
World Youth Cup 1993

Bulgaria

Waltzing into trouble

NATIONAL coach Christo Bonev is not the only man in Bulgaria in charge of a team with problems. At club level the 'trainers' waltz' has begun early.

While Bonev was off to Luxembourg to face another minnow with some trepidation after the fiasco in Tel Aviv, new bosses at Slavia and Lok were settling in to their jobs.

Slavia's bad start had been rectified to some extent by long-serving deputy Georgi Haralampiev's new magic bringing maximum points from his first three outings as number one. Fifth place looked somewhat better to the loyal supporters, though scoring remains a difficulty, ten in seven matches not being top-of-the-table striking.

That, however, is where rivals Levski and a revived CSKA stand after the first quarter of the season. Hristov is the new hot shot on the scene and looking a real threat at the sharp end and for Levski.

They and CSKA are being chased by neighbours Lok, under the new management of Dinko Dermendiev.

The board were very hesitant about his appointment but no doubt pleased by the point taken in Burgas and the cutting down of defensive blunders.

At the bottom, provincial Rakovski are deep in trouble. The first seven League games were lost and coach Nico Hristov had to go, the committee refused to make a replacement appointment, and relegation already looks on the cards.

At Botev Plovdiv the playing record is better but the financial position could prove worse than at Rakoksvi. The sponsoring firm, Stad, wants the money from last year's European Cup matches. The players threaten to strike, and played Slavia in Sofia under protest. They presumably want paying too, and wore white armbands for the match.

All this is symbolic of the chaos in which football finds itself, which will be worse if such as Stoichkov continue to refuse to knuckle down under the new national coach and further World Cup points go begging.

BOB VAUGHAN

Lacking commitment . . . Hristo Stoichkov

Czech Republic

Boby look good

WHILE Patrik Berger was in the news on Merseyside, as well as making a brief return home to contribute two goals to the 6-0 win over Malta in Teplice, there was a new star team on the domestic horizon.

Boby Brno maintain their place at the top, having lost, only once, and are pulling in crowds which would make certain club treasurers in Western Europe happy.

There were 18,900 present on the eighth day of the Championship to see Bohemians defeated 3-1, but only 3,594 at Ceske Budejovice for the visit of second-placed Opava. Promoted Teplice also are doing well, while the big city sides ship water on the Vltava. In the first big derby of the season, Slavia draw at Sparta to go fourth six points behind Brno, before 11,000.

With Zizkov losing in Olomouc, three Prague sides are in the bottom four. Viktoria are the worst off, 16th and without a win.

The provincial successes are reflected in surprisingly high gates, but the domestic League cannot do without strong clubs in Prague.

Sparta and Slavia have salvaged something from the European qualifying competitions, though the draw has not been kind. Sparta at least have Fiorentina at home in the Cup-winners Cup, but on current form little chance of progressing; Slavia's task is even more difficult, as Valencia will give little away whatever the outcome of the first leg in Prague.

BOB VAUGHAN

Armenia

Khoren calls for help

NATIONAL squad manager Khoren Oganessian is hoping that Armenian-born players now in other countries will support his call for help.

Oganessian says: "The door into the national team is always open for Armenians, no matter what country they are now playing in."

The team need all the support they can get, too. Only 7,000 fans turned up at the 70,000-capacity Razdan Stadium in Yerevan for the 0-0 draw with Portugal.

Only one foreign-based player, Michael Derzakarian, who now plays in France, with Montpellier, was included.

Armenians eligible for the national team include Marcelo Kiremitdjian, of Lyon, France; Manoel Avetyssian, of San Lorenzo in Argentina; Alain Boghossian of Italy's Napoli; and two with Russian clubs – Garnik Avalian (Krylia Sovetov) and Kharapet Meakaelian (Sokol).

VLADIMIR KALINKOVICH

Bosnia & Herzegovina

Politics put before people

PEOPLE want soccer restored to what used to be normality in Bosnia and Herzegovina, but politics still comes first.

Three separate championships are being played, between Serbs, Croats and Muslims, instead of the united competition proposed as part of the Dayton agreement and earnestly desired by the average fan.

There will be no places in the European cups until the problem is sorted out, and football still goes its own way despite the growing unification in other parts of life.

The national coach, Fuad Muzurovic, is one of those remaining hopeful about the future. He says that in a poor country such as this, football is the only major entertainment. The fans are rallying round, and there were 20,000 for a recent match between Zeljeznicar and Sarajevo.

FC Sirokibrijeg, from the town of the same name, were leading the 12-team league at publication date.

ZDRAVKO REIC

Croatia

Capital pace setters

FC CROATIA, the country's leading club, look to be well on their way to retaining their title.

After six rounds, the team from the capital Zagreb, who count President Franjo Tudjman among their supporters, had won all of their six games with a goal difference of 24-3.

No other team can keep up with them, especially since FC Croatia received a financial injection of DM15million to build a strong European team.

Hajduk Split, the most successful football club in the history of Croatia and the former Yugoslavia, is struggling with heavy financial problems. They face bankruptcy with debts of DM6million.

If the ruling political party does not provide for Hajduk in the same way that it has for FC Croatia, the club's problems could be the fuse that sparks an explosion of disaffection in Split and Dalmatia, in southern parts of the country.

As for the national side, coach Miroslav Blazevic, who was strongly criticised after changing eight players for the 3-0 defeat against Portugal in this summer's European Championships, is staying put.

There have been major changes at the Croatian FA following Euro 96. President Nadan Vidosevic had to step down (what's more he is no longer president of Hajduk Split). He was replaced by Josip Soic, a bank director.

This move caused a scandal because President Tudjman's wishes had not been carried out. Previous FA bosses had been invited to Tudjman's summer residence (a favourite haunt of the late Marshall Tito) to discuss all matters football. But not, it seems, Mr Soic.

Leading national team players, it emerged, were keen to see Soic in the job. Boban, Suker, Stimac and others may no longer be playing at home, but they still play a major role in Croatian football.

ZDRAVKO REIC

Hungary

A big date for Fradi

UEFA'S representatives making the draw for round two of the UEFA Cup pulled out a plum which might just save the autumn for fans in Budapest.

If not, they have only domestic fare to look forward to after Ferencvaros failed to qualify for the Champions League and BVSC came a cropper in Wales.

Newcastle are the visitors to the capital. The game of the season is beyond the capacity of the Ulloi utca, so 'Fradi' – grateful to appear in the lesser contest – almost certainly will stage the first leg in the national Nepstadion. Good arrangements there could even put the stadium in the frame for a European final.

Hungarian football certainly needs a boost, and UEFA surely must soon agree to choose a final venue in what used to be called Eastern Europe. Capacity should not be a problem, but perhaps the match can be a pointer as to whether the FA has the organisation to put on an even bigger show.

As the national team visit Norway and Azerbaijan before the winter break, this is only the one match of real interest to add to domestic competition. Few will fancy Ferencvaros, currently second with Ujpest behind a seemingly rejuvenated MTK, who are romping away at the top.

Vasas are fourth but defeated Cup-winners Cup representatives Kispesti.

BOB VAUGHAN

Romania

Problems persist

THINGS are reasonably rosy for Steaua in the League, though a 1-1 draw with Petrolui in Ploesti was little compensation for previous happenings.

A revitalised Dinamo lead the race after beating 'Poli' of Timisoara 2-0 in Bucharest. Otelul, Steaua and National tie for the second spot but it is in the Champions League that Steaua have their worries.

Three days before the League game in Ploesti, Borussia Dortmund were in town for what the Germans had thought would be a difficult match. In the end it proved a cakewalk.

After the heavy defeat in Madrid, and with Atletico and Borussia on maximum points, Widzew have to be defeated at home for Steaua to conserve a minimum chance of reaching the quarter-finals.

Neither Stelea, who went on at half-time against Borussia, nor Gherasim, is having the best of luck in goal, and up front Lacatus and Co must think of something to end the drought.

Before then, the national team must make sure not to slip in Rejkjavik or Macedonia.

BOB VAUGHAN

Poland

Problems for Piechniczek

NATIONAL coach Antoni Piechniczek has problems. His side has not won a match for 16 months, which is not surprising when you consider that the coach has been without players based in Western Europe.

Many legionnaires have not had enough time to play for the national team because of their commitments to their clubs. Piotr Nowak, for example, is often injured, but only before Poland games. He is always fit enough to play for Munich 1860 in the Bundesliga.

Recently Piechniczek had another problem to contend with. Five players from champions Widzew Lodz arrived late at the training camp preparing for the friendly against Cyprus.

The coach sent the five – Maciej Szczesny, Pawel Wojtala, Radoslaw Michalski, Ryszard Czerwiec and Marek Citko – home. It was said that the players were late because they had overdone celebrations after qualifying for the Champions League by beating Brondby.

Poland drew 2-2 at home to Cyprus. After the game, Widzew chairman Andrzej Pawelec apologised for the incident and the players joined up with the squad for the next friendly, against Germany. Their arrival was not enough, though.

The European champions won 2-0 in a game marred by crowd violence. After the game Piechniczek said: "It is not a shame to lose to the European Champions. My team played quite well. And now I am much more optimistic about the the start of the World Cup qualifying campaign."

It was hard to share the national coach's optimism after the first leg of the first round of the European cups. All four Polish clubs lost.

Widzew Lodz lost 2-1 Borussia in Dortmund in the Champions League. In the UEFA Cup Hutnik Krakow went down 1-0 at home to Monaco, while Legia Warsaw lost 4-2 to Panathinaikos in Athens. In the Cup-winners Cup, Ruch Charzow were crushed 5-1 by Benfica in the Stadium of Light.

On the domestic front, three teams – Legia, Lech Poznan and Amica Wronki – jointly led the table with 20 points after 10 games, one point ahead of Widzew and GKS Katowice. Bogdan Prusek of Sokol Tychy was top scorer with eight goals.

DARIUSZ KUROWSKI

Slovakia

Canaries will be costly

FULL POINTS from the World Cup ties in Torshaven and against Malta in Bratislava were a prelude to the home return with the Faroe Islands.

Things will be rather different against Spain in December. The SFZ (Slovak FA) is facing a costly trip to the Canaries, which will empty the coffers and probably will not produce points.

Income from the home games, with gates under 3,000, is not helping, nor is there at the moment the alternative of playing at FC Kosice's All Sports Stadium, where turn-out and interest are much higher.

A roof is being put on the stadium, where Kosice hope to be in the Champions League next season.

Interest in European competitions has disappeared, and it is only a question of whether Slovan will be knocked off the top for the first time since the separation of the Czecho-Slovak League.

A new lowest gate record will be set if the winter is bad, and what a job Josef Venglos will have if he is installed at the FA's AGM later in the season! He will then be back from his stint coaching in Oman.

Venglos is the only living Slovak to take a Czech or Slovak national team, apart from Dusan Uhrin last June, to a final in the international field now that Josef Marko has died.

Marko took the CSSR team to the 1970 World Cup in Mexico.

BOB VAUGHAN

Slovenia

Olimpia out of sorts

THE PROBLEMS countinue to mount up for Olimpia Ljubljana, the country's most successful club. Olimpia are in last place in the League with three points and without a win. They did play well in the UEFA Cup, however, drawing 1-1 with Aarhus in Denmark.

Danish clubs have been a serious threat to Slovenian football this season. Lyngby eliminated Mura Murska Sobota from the UEFA Cup 2-0 on aggregate and their national side beat Slovenia 2-0 in a World Cup qulaifying game in Ljubljana.

Dr Zdenko Verdenik, national team manager, is close to being sacked after the loss to the Danes and the 2-0 defeat in Greece, but felt let down by key players.

"It's hard to work like this," he said. "Our best players come to the game at the last moment. According to regulations, they should be available at least five days before."

The Slovenian League consists of 10 teams who play each other four times each season. The best Slovenian players, however, play abroad – Florijancic (Torino), Zahovic (Porto), Udovic (Lausanne), Milanic (Sturm Graz), Gallic (Croatia Zagreb), Novak (Le Havre) – while Slovenian clubs engage players of questionable quality.

ZDRAVKO REIC

Russia

Radimov is the key

THERE is a lot of responsibility weighing on Vladislav Radimov's young shoulders. At 20 he is the key playmaker of the Russian national team, and their big hope for the 1998 World Cup.

All this follows a disappointing Euro 96 for Radimov, who had a poor tournament. He has blossomed again since joining Real Zaragoza in Spain.

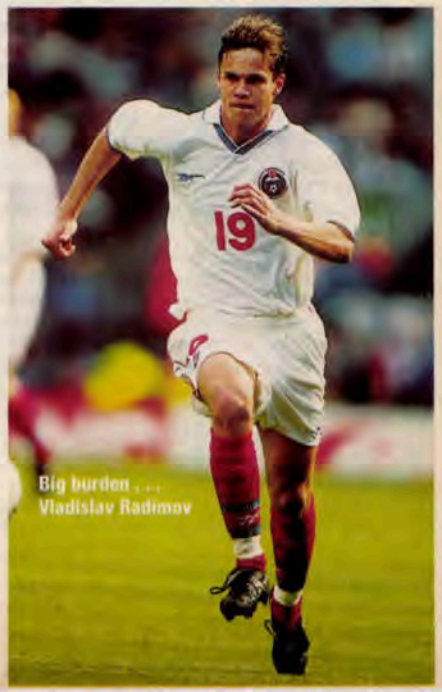
CSKA, the Russian Army team, did not want to lose him, but could not afford to turn down the Zaragoza offer. The cost of the civil strife with rebel state Chechnya is bearing heavily on CSKA, but they used the Radimov fee wisely when buying Samaroni and Leonidas from Brazilian club Sao Paulo.

Russian fans are sceptical about Brazilian imports, ever since Lokomotiv Novgorod imported two players two a few years ago, with little success. 'Copacobana amateurs' was one description of the newcomers.

But these two are different, and Leonidas – named after the celebrated Brazilian scorer of the 1930s – was particularly impressive when scoring three times in his first four games.

Now CSKA are battling with the Moscow pair, Dinamo and Spartak, as well as Rotor Volgograd and the reigning champions, Alania Vladikavkaz, for domestic honours and European places.

VICTOR GUSEV



Big burden . . . Vladislav Radimov

SOUTH AMERICA

Brazil

'Olympic mania' takes a toll

BRAZIL's full national team, shunted into a siding while Mario Zagallo concentrated on winning Olympic gold, finally re-appeared with games away to Russia and Holland.

The real Brazil had played only one game, a friendly at home to Colombia last December, since losing the final of the 1995 Copa America to Uruguay. On all other occasions Zagallo, who is in charge of both the Olympic and full national teams, had chosen to field Under-23 sides to prepare for Atlanta.

Brazil effectively wasted the past year by pouring their resources into the Olympics, a tournament which has little prestige in the football world. Because of the under-23 age restriction, players such as Giovanni, Carlos Germano and Leandro, among others, have been deprived of much-needed international experience.

Now, they can get on with the job of building a team to win a record fifth World Cup.

The games against the Russians and the Dutch both ended 2-2, and did little other than show that Brazil have an extraordinary ability to throw together a team on the eve of a match and still get a respectable result.

When Brazil arrived in Moscow, Zagallo looked more like the captain of a Sunday League team, wondering which of his players would turn up, rather than the man in charge of the four-times world champions.

The delegation stepping off the plane from Rio de Janeiro consisted of nine players. Flavio Conceicao and Bebeto had withdrawn through injury on the day of departure, and Zagallo then discovered that several of his foreign-based players had not made it either.

Full-back Ze Maria and midfielder Amaral, who both play for Italy's Parma, had not managed to obtain flight visas, while Ze Elias, another midfielder, arrived late from Germany for the same reason.

At least they fared better than Mauro Silva, whose passport mysteriously "went missing" when he posted it to the Russian consulate to have a visa stamped in. The Brazilian football federation (CBF) immediately pointed a finger at his Spanish club, La Coruna, claiming that they always cause trouble.

Zagallo also was irritated when Barcelona asked him to release Giovanni and Ronaldo, and Napoli claimed that midfielder Beto had muscular problems. "They should be proud that they are loaning players to the Brazilian national team," Zagallo replied.

The situation is unlikely to change. The CBF has earmarked a series of dates for friendly internationals, but none of those minor details, such as the opponents, venues or availability of players, were known at press time.

Although Zagallo complains about the problems European clubs create, Brazilian clubs are the real headache. At least the CBF knows the weeks in which European clubs do not have midweek matches. In Brazil, clubs often play on the same night as the *Selecao* and the fixture list is changed almost daily.

Zagallo was forced to pick only one player per Brazilian team for the European tour to "avoid upsetting the clubs".

Andre Luis of Sao Paulo and Narciso of Santos had to leave the Sao Paulo-Santos match before the end to make the plane to Moscow, because the game was switched to Sunday night after being selected as the day's televised match. The CBF had to hire a private jet to get them to Rio in time to catch the plane to Moscow.

Preparations are likely to continue in the same haphazard manner until around a month before the 1998 finals. Next year's Copa America in Bolivia will be probably the only other chance Zagallo gets to put his strongest team on the pitch.

In the meantime, the best he can do is use the games to see which players thrive in the gold shirt. The only concrete conclusions that could be drawn from the European tour were that Ronaldo (often now referred in Brazil to as Ronaldinho) needs to be a little less selfish, and that Vasco da Gama's Carlos Germano is an excellent choice in goal.

Zagallo's first choice . . . striker Ronaldo (known as Ronaldinho in Brazil)

If Brazil could put out their best team tomorrow it probably would look something life this: Carlos Germano, Cafu, Marcio Santos, Andre Cruz, Roberto Carlos; Flavio Conceicao, Giovanni, Djalminha, Leonardo; Ronaldo and Edmundo. Cafu seems to have few rivals for the right-back position, while at left-back Roberto Carlos faces stiff competition from Ze Roberto (Portuguesa), Serginho (Sao Paulo) and Junior (Palmeiras).

The centre of the defence is the problem. Zagallo has yet to find a pair who do not give the Brazilian public the jitters. Other possibilities maybe to revert to Marcio Santos and Aldair, or to give a chance to Celio Lucio of Cruzeiro or Cleber of Palmeiras.

In midfield, Djalminha is uncapped, mainly because the Olympic obsession has kept him out, but he is a player with extraordinary gifts. Giovanni, on current form, appears another automatic choice.

Juninho is an obvious candidate but his recent Brazil form weighs against him. The same goes for Rivaldo.

Mauro Silva and Dunga, survivors from 1994, cannot be counted out, especially as Zagallo likes to have two ball-winners in the middle, but Flavio Conceicao of Palmeiras is the best in this role at present.

Ronaldo has one position sewn up in attack, with the other currently between Edmundo, now of Vasco da Gama, Tulio of Botafogo, Luizao of Palmeiras and Jardel of Porto. The latter three are the type of strikers who contribute nothing outside the penalty area, not favoured by Zagallo. Bebeto, 34 in the summer of 1998, could still make it; Zagallo admires him enormously.

And Zagallo is not certain to make the trip. A few poor results in friendlies and he could be on his way.

BRIAN HOMEWOOD

Violence pays dividends

NO SOONER had Junior Baiano been sacked by Werder Bremen for punching than Flamengo were on the phone offering to buy him back. That shows the Brazilian attitude to football violence.

Werder decided they did not need Junior Baiano's type after he struck a Bundesliga opponent on the back of the head, and was banned for 10 matches.

Flamengo, on the other hand, had no qualms about having him. Like most Brazilian clubs, they abhor violence – but only when their own players are the victims.

When Flamengo played Corinthians in the Brazilian championship, manager Joel Santana rightly condemned the opposition's tackling. But when Flamengo hard man Alejandro Mancuso sent Corinthians' Souza to the treatment table before half-time with a ridiculous challenge, the same Santana was unrepentant. "Mancuso is macho," he declared.

FIFA's attempts to outlaw dangerous tackling have got nowhere near Brazil, where players continue to fly in with reckless two-footed lunges. Referees generally have been pathetic.

Globo television's main news programme recently carried out a survey in which managers were asked to pick the dirtiest Brazilian players. The winners included Amaral (Parma), Ze Elias (Bayer Leverkusen) and Edmundo (Vasco da Gama). The managers are no angels, either. Many are accused of instructing their players to kick the opposition rather than the ball.

Palmeiras and Cruzeiro are honourable exceptions, playing open and attractive football, and they topped the first stage of the competition. Palmeiras were still unbeaten, inspired by Djalminha, Cafu and Freddy Rincon.

The main battle, however, was to finish in the top eight of the 24-team group and guarantee a place in the quarter-finals.

Vasco, who traditionally show more interest in the Rio State championship, looked as if they would frustrate their fans again in the national tournament, but they became a different team after Edmundo arrived.

He stormed out of Corinthians during a training session, swearing at his team-mates as he did so, packed his bags and got the first plane back to Rio. Edmundo, who cost $5million, has inspired Vasco to four wins in six games.

Bebeto took six games to get his first goal since rejoining Flamengo but then began getting regularly on the scoresheet. He had been jeered by fans, but once the goals started flowing, all was sweetness and light once more.

Sao Paulo, under Carlos Alberto Parreira, began well but then faltered, taking one point from a possible nine.

The inevitable 'dance of the managers' continued unabated. Guarani, Coritiba, Criciuma, Parana, Fluminense and Botafogo all sacked their manager. Botafogo brought in Jair Pereira for his FIFTH spell at the club.

BRIAN HOMEWOOD

World Cup France 98

Colombia set World Cup pace

Eric Weil on the qualifying competition's early stages

ARGENTINIA striker Gabriel Batistuta created a record by scoring his 35th goal for his country, to put them ahead in the World Cup qualifier against Paraguay, but goalkeeper Jose Luis Chilavert equalised with a free-kick in a 1-1 draw in Buenos Aires.

Faustino Asprilla flew back from Newcastle and scored three for Colombia in their 4-1 win over Chile, which kept them on top of the South American table after the fourth round.

The tournament, being played for the first time as a round-robin between nine teams with matches once a month, all on the same day, is creating plenty of interest, large crowds and TV revenues, but is causing a nightmare for some coaches who have most of their best players with foreign clubs . . . and there have been some unexpected results.

Argentina were expected to walk through the qualifying process, but this has not been the case so far. After four games they are in third place. The top four qualify for France in 1998, but three countries below Argentina, with a point less, all have a game in hand.

In the 1-1 home draw against Paraguay, Argentina had more of the ball but created hardly any chances. Abel Balbo, sent off in the previous match, against Peru, was suspended, and Batistuta had little service. He did however score his 35th goal to break the record he had been sharing with Diego Maradona. Batistuta did it in five years while Maradona took 19.

But Argentina lacked a leader – there is now no realistic chance that Maradona will be called up again – and the players from foreign clubs (only four this time) generally did not play up to their potential.

Coach Daniel Passarella has called on clubs to refrain from selling more internationals abroad, but his request is likely to fail.

Chilavert, who has scored goals from free-kicks before, said before the game that he would dearly love to score against Argentina. When his chance came, three minutes before half-time, all Argentina seemed to tremble and, photographers insist, so did goalkeeper German Burgos.

He was blamed for the goal and it may lose him his place, although in the previous game against Peru his excellent saves gained Argentina an away point.

Colombia, whose ageing team have had few changes in recent years, were forced to leave out two stalwarts – Freddy Rincon and Leonel Alvarez – but it seemed to make little difference. Nor did the fact that defender Alexis Mendoza was sent off.

By then Colombia were leading 4-0 with first-half goals from Asprilla (2) and Jorge Bermudez, and Asprilla added his third just after the break. Chile's danger man, Ivan Zamorano, was well marked and his 55th-minute penalty was about the only clear chance he got.

Peru caused a surprise by gaining a point from Bolivia in a 0-0 draw in La Paz, but they had been preparing for it for several days in Cuzco, which is not far below La Paz's 3,600 metre altitude.

The result put pressure on Bolivia's Yugoslav coach, Dusan Drascovic, and led to calls for the return of Spaniard Xavier Azkargorta, who took Bolivia to the 1994 World Cup finals. Bolivia remain in contention, but Peru do not seem to have much hope.

Ecuador, who have never qualified for the World Cup finals, are second and a point behind Colombia, but their 1-0 home win over Venezuela was a poor performance and there were jeered off by the home crowd in Quito.

With Wagner Rivera, Maximo Tenorio and Luis Capurro joining Aguinaga at foreign clubs, Ecuador are beginning to have the same problem of the more powerful football countries.

Uruguay are seriously worried about their lowly position, but their good news is that veteran Enzo Francescoli is considering a return to the national side.

● Peru plan a bid for the 2006 World Cup jointly with three other countries along the Andes mountain range – Bolivia, Ecuador and Colombia.

Tino on top . . . Colombia's Asprilla celebrates a hat-trick against Chile

Argentina

368 players on the move

AS THE 1995-96 season finished on one week-end and the 1996-97 season began on the next, 368 players were on the move among the 20 National A Division clubs.

Boca Juniors, who under new president Mauricio Macri want to become the Ajax of South America, bought a completely new team (14 players) for over £14million. Only two first-team players remained – defender Fabbri and goalkeeper Navarro Montoya.

Boca also sold 11 players – some of whom they should certainly have kept – netting £6m.

Boca were quickly labelled the 'dream team', although their newcomers included only one current international – Fernando Caceres – and a recent international striker in Sebastian Rambert (back from Italy). They certainly have not been playing like a dream team, but then they had no close season to get acquainted.

River Plate, Argentina's other most popular club, sold seven players. Among them were several key men who should have been retained. One was the team's driving force, midfielder Matias Almeyda, who went to Sevilla (Spain) for the record fee of $9.36million (£6m) and another was top scorer Hernan Crespo (to Italy's Parma for £3m). But they bought wisely, including Julio Cruz from Banfield (£2.4m).

There has again been an exodus of goal scorers to Europe – Crespo, Jose Flores, Juan Veron, Claudio Biaggio, Ivan Gabrich, Claudio Lopez, Javier Mazzoni to name but a few.

Early-season leaders Independiente have a new coach – Cesar Menotti, who took Argentina to the 1978 World Cup. He has presided over a clear-out of 29 pros.

Racing Club are also under a 'new' coach – former national team coach Alfio Basile, his fourth coaching stint.

San Lorenzo coach Hector Beira resigned after almost four years at the club. A 10-match winless run was too much for him.

ERIC WEIL

Elsewhere in South America

IN URUGUAY . . . Nacional won the First Division closing championship with two games to go without actually playing. They were due to face Sud America, who had withdrawn earlier in the season and were giving their rivals walk-overs. This left Nacional eight points ahead of Huracan Bucao with only two games left.

This is a repeat of last season when Penarol won the opening championship – as they did this year – and Nacional the closing championship. However, last year they managed it only on a play-off and a penalty shoot-out. This year Penarol trailed way behind in the closing championship. The two clubs are now scheduled to meet for the title which Penarol have held for the last three years.

Ten members of the FA committee have resigned in protest over a move to cancel a loss of points by Cerro to save them from relegation. In one way and another Uruguayan soccer continues in perpetual crisis, mostly financial.

IN ECUADOR . . . The three group winners (not counting Nacional and Emelec, who qualified from the first stage) entered the six-team final round of the championship in which the 1996 title and a place in next year's Libertadores Cup was at stake. Nacional take three points into the final round as first-stage winners.

The second stage was divided into three groups of four teams and the qualifiers were Olmedo, Deportivo Quito, Deportivo Cuenca and Barcelona, the latter (defending champions) qualifying as the best second-placed team.

But other clubs are in serious financial difficulties. Universidad de Porto Viejo players were told by their club president not to play to win because there was no money to pay their bonuses. The same day Green Cross fielded reserves (amateurs) as they could not pay their pros. Tecnico Universitario gave a walkover as their players, owed three months wages, refused to play.

IN PERU . . . Defending champions Sporting Cristal are back on top of the decentralised championship with seven games to go. However, on the day they overtook Lima rivals Universitario de Deportes by one point, the latter's players were attacked by their own fans. Lowly Cielista Lima had beaten Universitario 1-0 and the fans chased their players to the changing room where shots were fired, although there were no casualties.

IN VENEZUELA . . . Parmalat, sponsors of some of the world's leading clubs, also sponsor Atletico Chacao, who were called Deportivo Italia until last season. The Chacao municipality, headed by its mayor, Irene Saez, a former Miss Universe, arranged the Parmalat franchise, although this has not solved the club's financial problems. The suburban Caracas club have already failed to turn up for one game and are eighth in the 12-team division.

IN PARAGUAY . . . Guarani and Olimpia are joint leaders of the closing championship with two games to go. Guarani have already won the opening championship and a place in next year's Libertadores Cup.

IN CHILE . . . Colo Colo lead by five points over Universidad Catolica with defending champions Universidad de Chile a further three points back and no other team in the title hunt. Mario Vener (Wanderers) continues to top the scorers table with 24 goals, followed by Ivo Basay (Colo Colo) with 17.

ERIC WEIL

United States

The right track

Paul Gardner on the final stages of an MLS season which has exceeded almost all expectations

As the Major League Soccer season wound down towards its final game, the MLS Cup 96, no major surprises popped up.

The semi-final line-up was Tampa Bay Mutiny v Washington DC United in the East, and Los Angeles Galaxy v Kansas City Wiz in the West. Each semi-final consists of a three-game series, with Tampa and Los Angeles getting the two-home-game advantage.

It was pretty much as expected, with Tampa the in-form team, but there is very little to choose between all four. That's a MLS triumph: the assignment of star players, followed by the draft, was designed to ensure parity.

Another of the MLS aims – to present spectacular, entertaining soccer, with goals – achieved a wonderful confirmation on September 22, appropriately enough in the Rose Bowl, site of the 1994 World Cup Final.

The play-offs hadn't even started – it was the last regular-season game for Los Angeles Galaxy and Dallas Burn, a meaningless game that Galaxy's flamboyant Mexican goalkeeper Jorge Campos made one of the most memorable of the season.

In the second half, Campos moved up to play centre-forward. No joke, this – Campos is a dynamite striker. He began his show by nearly scoring with a spectacular airborne heel-flick.

Then, with eight minutes remaining, he dribbled from the half-way line, into the Dallas penalty area. Crowded out by two defenders, Campos – in full dribble – pulled off a perfect donkey kick. He heel-flipped the ball in a low arc over his own head and over the defenders,and crossed for John Garvey to slam home the winning goal.

It was an electrifying moment that had the 18,000 crowd roaring in a frenzy of excitement. The Assist of the Year, without any doubt.

But it was a lot more than that. It was confirmation that MLS was on the right track. The whole point of signing players like Campos, Carlos Valderrama, Eduardo Hurtado, and Marco Etcheverry was to emphasize the spectacular.

The results have been – well, spectacular. For the first season, MLS said they would be satisfied with an average crowd of 12,000. They got 17,416, nearly 50 per cent higher.

Los Angeles Galaxy, with Campos serving as a magnet for the huge Mexican-American community there, topped the attendance table with an average of 28,916. New York/New Jersey MetroStar fans averaged 23,898, a figure that shows tremendous loyalty to one of the league's duller teams.

Ironically, Tampa – one of the liveliest teams, and the team with the season's best record – did poorly at the gate, averaging only 11,679.

Only two teams – the bottom team in each division – didn't make the playoffs: New England Revolution (Alexi Lalas and all) and Colorado Rapids. Both teams were coached by imported British coaches – Frank Stapleton and Bob Houghton.

Stapleton and Houghton have since 'resigned'. Their lack of success in a league where the emphasis has been on entertaining soccer, and featuring star Latin players, can hardly be considered coincidental. The style of both teams was hard-core, hard-running, long-ball British.

In Denver (which has a substantial Mexican community), Houghton featured only one Hispanic player, Marcelo Balboa, who is arguably more American than Hispanic. Stapleton signed two useful Latins – the Brazilian Welton (amazingly, the only Brazilian in MLS!) and the Argentinian Alberto Naveda – and then proceeded to leave them on the bench for long periods.

Another British-oriented coach, Eddie Firmani of MetroStars, was the first to be fired, only two months into the season. Whoever the replacements are, they're unlikely to be British.

American coaches have done better. At DC United, building on the skills of Etcheverry, Bruce Arena has built a highly attractive and successful team.

Timo Liekoski proved a disaster with Columbus Crew; but when he was fired, another American, Tom Fitzgerald took over and Crew went on a seven-game winning streak.

The League has begun to fill the important role of providing a training ground for future US national team players. Tampa's Roy Lassiter has blossomed into a menacing striker, the league's leading scorer with 27 goals. The impressive play of Dallas Burn midfielder Jason Kreis, Galaxy defender Robin Fraser and Tampa goalkeeper Mark Dougherty, has earned them places on Steve Sampson's national team squad.

While it has allowed some Americans to emerge as stars, the overall calibre of the American players has been disappointing. This has had a negative effect on the level of play. While there have been some very good games, there have been too many bad ones.

This is not a matter of teams playing defensively. In that sense, MLS can again come up with a robust statistic: an average of 3.4 goals per game. The problem has been too many inferior players: the young Americans who have been shoved, unprepared, into a level of play that they cannot match.

MLS will attempt a short-term remedy this next season by allowing a fifth foreign player per team. A highly controversial long-term solution has now been revealed, one that strikes at a sacred cow of American sports: the colleges.

The villain of the piece is the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), the governing body of all college sports. Alan Rothenberg, president of the United States Soccer Federation, says: "In the NCAA scheme of things only two sports matter, [gridiron] football and basketball. As long as the NCAA has in place the incredibly restrictive practices they do, we cannot look to college soccer to produce top class talent to step right into pro soccer."

Among the restrictions, are those that limit the number of games played to around 25 a year, and forbid college players to play outside the college during the entire academic year.

So to talk of 'player development' is hardly appropriate. As Kevin Payne, general manager of DC United puts it: "We cannot continue to let young players go into college, where their development is retarded."

So the MLS, jointly with the USSF, plans to start in January a scheme called Project-40 that will identify the 40 best 18- and 19-year-old players in the country. After a period of assessment, 30 of these players will be offered pro contracts with MLS clubs.

Project-40 will also make it easier, through scholarships, for inner-city, mostly Hispanic, players to enter the USSF's national team programs. College soccer has not been receptive to Hispanic players, while the high cost (born by the parents) of maintaining a player in the USSF's own Olympic Development Program has tended to keep Hispanic players out.

MLS pile-up . . . Campos and Galaxy celebrate another goal

Mexico Television takes charge

Since 1970 Mexican soccer has been dominated by commercial and TV interests.

Today *Televisa*, a group which has controlled the destiny of Mexican soccer since 1969, practically owns the national side, as well as three Mexico City teams, America, Necaxa and Atlante, the Azteca stadium, plus all TV rights for Mexico's matches.

Their tactics, sadly, reflect the old negative aspect of Mexican business life: abuse of power. In recent years, market liberalisation opened up *Televisa* to competition, but being poor competitors they have resorted to all sorts of tactics in order to keep control.

For the 1998 World Cup, Mexico face first St Vincent, Honduras and Jamaica. The team started by beating St Vincent & Grenadines by the meagre score of 3-0 in Kingstown. Then came Honduras. In the last 60 years, Mexico had played 14 international matches against the Hondurans, winning 10 and drawing four. But now, with a team poorly managed by Bora Milutinovic (another *Televisa* choice), Mexico lost in San Pedro Sula 2-1.

Milutinovic is a manager inclined to follow 'his master's voice'. Bora, as an old Mexican saying goes, 'has become a remedy worse than the disease'. He keeps experimenting with very young and inexperienced players, and until he gave in to media pressure, had refused to call up League top scorer Carlos Hermosillo – allegedly because Hermosillo plays for Cruz Azuz, a team that left the Azteca stadium and signed a TV contract with *Televisa*'s competitors.

At the time of this writing it seems that Milutinovic may be removed. Results are not the source of worries – Mexico won the 1996 CONCACAF Gold Cup under him – but rather the amount of young talent he has been testing to no avail; a manager does that after qualifying for a World Cup. These games are won by fielding experienced players.

On the home front, only Puebla and Guadalajara have not lost a league match. It is too early to talk about favourites, but the climate can be measured by the fact that a total of eight managers have been fired in less than two months of league playing.

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Japan

Late shocks for Grampus

On target . . . Japan's Masami Ihara *(right)* in action against Uzbekistan

THE J.LEAGUE resumed with seven teams still in the closest title race yet. Yokohama Flugels promptly lost their four-point lead and sank from first to sixth, with Kashima Antlers the new leaders.

Only two points separate the top six – Antlers, Reysol, Reds, Jubilo, Grampus and Flugels – with Verdy also storming up behind.

Antlers, Reysol, Grampus and Verdy all went on to win their first four games after the break.

Grampus dominated against Flugels and were unlucky when Cesar Sampaio equalised in the last minute. Then Franck Durix scored an injury-time winner for Grampus with a shot that probably did not cross the line.

Three days later Verdy scored twice in the last two minutes to win 3-2 against Flugels, who had Zinho sent off for punching Tomo Sugawara.

Rodrigo, who replaced Leonardo, scored on his J.League debut for Kashima Antlers against JEF Utd, and added two more against Cerezo Osaka. Even more encouraging, 19-year-old clubmate Atsushi Yanagisawa has netted four in his first four J.League games.

Kashiwa Reysol finished the first half of the season with eight straight wins and added four more despite losing four players with broken bones.

Those injured included Ishikawa, Careca, Marco Antonio, Valdir Benedito, Wagner (off and on), Kentaro Sawada, Kenji Oba, Shin Tanada and Yufi Yokohama.

Sanfrecce Hiroshima suffered a crushing blow when new signing Santos broke a bone against Reds. He has revitalised Wim Jansen's side, scoring two goals in each of three games in a row towards the end of the Cup qualifiers. He will be out for the rest of the season and Jansen, under pressure for not producing better results, has decided to resign at the end of the season.

VERDY KAWASAKI's new manager, Leao, needed only four months to return to the place that he and they know best in Japanese football – the J.League Yamazaki Nabisco Cup Final, but could not prevent defeat by his old club Shimizu S-Pulse in the Final.

Leao, the former Brazil goalkeeper, led Shimizu to the first and second finals in 1992 and 1993, where they lost both times to Verdy. He was sacked soon afterwards, despite also leading Shimizu to second place in the 1993 Nicos Series and the 1994 Suntory Series. Verdy also won the Cup in 1994, beating Jubilo Iwata. "I'm very glad to be back in Japan and to take Verdy to the final," says Leao.

The final, however, did not bring a satisfactory result. Shimizu, led by Ossie Ardiles, were tying 3-3 with Verdy at the end of 90 minutes and extra time, but beat Leao's side 5-4 in the penalty shoot-out.

JAPAN's national team stayed on course to defend the Asian Cup in December with wins over Uruguay (5-3) and Asian Games champions Uzbekistan (1-0).

With the Olympics over, manager Shu Kamo was free to select some of Japan's younger stars. Olympic captain Masakiyo Maezono of Yokohama Flugels was in the team for both games. Toshihiro Hattori of Jubilo Iwata made his debut against Uzbekistan, and Marinos keeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi also had his first call to the squad, though he did not play.

The J.League will revive the two-stage format next year after one season with a single league. The championship will be decided by a play-off between the winners of each stage, as in the first three seasons.

FORMER Portugal manager Carlos Queiros, who recently took over at MLS side NY/NJ MetroStars, has been appointed to replace Arsene Wenger at Grampus. He is due to arrive in early November, at the end of the MLS. Grampus are currently being led by Jose Alberto Costa, whose last position was as assistant coach of Sporting Lisbon.

Grampus have extended their contract with Yugoslav captain Dragan Stojkovic until January 1999. He says he wants to play in Japan until 2002. JEF United have signed old Dutch international Peter Bosz from Feyenoord on a contract which runs through to June.

MIKE PLASTOW

Saying goodbye . . . manager leaves

Tonga

Some of the King's men . . .

Paul Moon on an unlikely World Cup challenge

TONGA's participation in the World Cup qualifying series for France 98 is due entirely to the influence of the head of state, King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV. Indeed, soccer owes its existence on the Friendly Islands to him.

Rugby Union was the only organised team sport in Tonga until 1965, when the King became engrossed by soccer during an overseas holiday and, on his return, decreed that a league be established on Tongatpau, the main island.

Despite knowing nothing about the new game, apart from what they gleaned from the books and films King Taufa'ahau had brought home with him, his subjects were willing enough to humour their monarch.

Games in the Soka League, as the first domestic competition was known, lasted 30 minutes and would have horrified all purists. Within a few years, however, four other leagues had begun on the outlying islands.

In 1978, a representative side assembled for the first time and flew to New Zealand, losing 9-1 to an Auckland Under-19 selection.

In the following year Tonga made their competitive debut, at the South Pacific Games in Fiji, where they lost 8-0 to the eventual gold medallists, Tahiti.

Outings since then have been irregular and largely unproductive. The 1983 South Pacific Games yielded Tonga's first win (3-2 over American Samoa), but this was not a springboard for greater success.

In 1994, a trade deal the King negotiated with an Italian company led to an Atalanta side of dubious pedigree hosting the Tongans and gaining two easy victories, and last year all four games on a Fijian tour were lost.

Second place at the inaugural Polynesia Cup in 1994 is Tonga's best feat in the international arena.

Tonga's World Cup debut must be seen largely as a flag-waving exercise insisted upon by the King and encouraged by FIFA for political reasons. Like all previous ventures, he will underwrite it.

Sadly, domestic soccer appears to be in decline despite His Majesty's patronage. In 1985, 1,225 players were registered: today the number is 350 (from a population of 104,000). Only the most populous island has a club competition, known as the Tongatapu Championship.

Even the King concedes that soccer will never replace rugby in the affections of his people. Tonga born Jonah Lomu of New Zealand was the outstanding performer at the last Rugby Union World Cup.

Unfortunately, nobody from the kingdom will make any impact in the other World Cup.

IN BRIEF

BANGLADESH

MOHAMMEDAN were top of the League after winning their first five matches, and were four points ahead of Abahani, who are aiming to complete their second hat-trick of titles.

Abahani have signed the former Myanmar captain, Than Toa Aung.

INDONESIA

BANDUNG RAYA led the Western group in the National League, with 61 points from 28 matches. In the Eastern group, PSM were top with 57 points from 30 games.

SINGAPORE

AFTER seven rounds of the second stage in Singapore's S League, SAFFC were top, and unbeaten, with 19 points. Geylang United, who won the first stage, were fourth with 11.

AZAM MAHMOOD

INDIA

DEMPO Club of Goa have regained the Scissors Cup, defeating Indian Bank 1-0 in Madras. International striker Francis Silvera scored the decisive goal in the 59th minute. It was Dempo's third victory in five years and sweet revenge after their defeat by East Bengal in the All-India Federation Cup final in Calcutta four weeks earlier.

East Bengal, meanwhile, made Indian soccer history when they won the Calcutta Super League title for the 24th time. A 1-0 victory over Eastern Railway secured the title, giving them 37 points from 17 games, four points ahead of closest rivals Mohun Bagan. Lithuanian striker Sergi Kutov scored the crucial goal.

BHASI MALAPARAMBA

OMAN

NEW COACH Mahmnoud El-Gohary had a busy start on taking over the Oman national squad – they played five games in a month.

A 1-0 defeat of Mali was followed by a 1-1 draw with the same opponents, and a 0-0 result against Sudan.

El-Gohary, an Egyptian, then took his team to Beirut, where they beat Lebanon 2-1 and lost a second encounter by a reverse of that score.

QATAR

MANAGER Jorgen Larsen was sacked after failing to take the national team to the finals of the Asian Cup, to be staged in the United Arab Emirates in December.

Larsen, a Dane, is likely to be replaced by Brazilian Evaristo de Macedo Filho, a previous manager of the Qatar squad.

SYRIA

AL KARAMA are the champions for the fourth time, with 75 points. They finished three ahead of Hottin, with Horria on 65 and Teshrin on 59.

JORDAN

AL AHLY of Amman were surprising leaders after four games, with full points. They were one ahead of Al Faysali, whose 6-2 win over Al Qadsia included a hat-trick by international Jamal Abou Abed.

UAE

THE national squad played two matches in Europe, beating Belarus 1-0 and losing 3-1 to Hungary.

MOHAMED CHIBARO

NEW ZEALAND

NEW ZEALAND now has two national club champions. Four months after Waitakere City were crowned Summer League title holders, Metro, Dunedin Technical and Wanganui East Athletic met in a round-robin tournament to determine the winners of the winter 'Superclub' Championship.

Northern League top dogs Metro began with a 6-3 victory over Wanganui East, but failed to clinch the prize when held to a scoreless draw by Dunedin Technical.

This left Dunedin needing to defeat Wanganui by four goals to become champions. They were 3-1 down at half-time, and although a revival produced a remarkable 4-3 success, this was not enough to prevent more silverware going to Auckland.

Many of the country's leading players did not make themselves available for the competition, so Metro's triumph was lacking in impact.

PAUL MOON

Asian Cups

Iraq in the top 12

IRAQ became the last country to qualify for the finals of the Asian Cup, to be held in Abu Dhabi from December 3-30.

In addition to the holders, Japan, and hosts, United Arab Emirates, 10 other nations got through from the 34 who took part in the qualifying contest.

They are China, Indonesia, Saudi Arabia, Iran, Kuwait, Uzbekistan, Syria, Thailand, South Korea and Iraq.

Kazma of Kuwait swamped Dhofar of Oman 9-0 in the home leg of an **Asian Club Cup** pairing.

Neftchi of Uzbekistan beat Sitaro of Tadjikistab 4-1, Pirouzi of Iran defeated Kopetdag of Turkmenistan 1-0, and New Radiant (Maldives) beat Pettah (Sri Lanka) 1-0.

Mohammedan SV of Bangladesh thrashed Elecricity Club of Laos 12-1 on aggregate in the **Asian Cup-winners' Cup**, and now face Hyundai of South Korea in the second round.

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Champions League for Africa

Africa's leading clubs could soon be in the money. Mark Gleeson reports

AFRICA CLUBS have long complained about the lack of prize money and the high cost of competing in the annual African Champions Cup.

It seems the complaints have finally been heard. The Confederation of African Football (CAF) has decided to change the format of the competition from next year in a bid to make it much more financially viable.

The Africans are following the European example and turning the competition into a mini league which will offer teams more matches and, hence, more opportunities to generate revenue.

The CAF has been toying with the idea of a Champions League for the last year and set up a committee earlier this year to look into the feasibility of the idea. It recently gave it a big thumbs-up.

The Champions League will come into effect next year from the quarter-final stage of the competition. The first two rounds will continue to be played on a two-legged, home and away basis but it reverts to a league format when it reaches the final eight.

The quarter-finalists will be divided into two groups of four, playing home and away. That means a total of six games for each of the team, instead of the normal two. The winners of the two groups then qualify for the final of the champions League, a traditional home-and-away two-legged format.

The CAF envisages sponsorship for the tournament, for the first time in 33 years, and added revenue from television sales, presumably to the satellite stations that service Africa, such as *M-Net Supersport*, *Canal Plus* and *Eurosport*. There have already been offers from international agencies to sponsor and acquire TV and publicity rights, but no choice has yet been made.

Some 40 per cent of the total receipts will go to the teams (through their national associations) with a further 15 per cent bonus for points obtained in the group matches and an added 25 per cent for the two finalists. The rest, a total of 40 per cent, goes direct to the CAF, which has been struggling to keep its head above water. On top of all of that, the home team keeps almost all the gate receipts.

Nigeria still on the golden road

Mark Gleeson previews the start of World Cup qualifying competition

THE battle for Africa's five places in the 1998 World Cup starts this month with the opening matches in the five groups.

After June's preliminary round, there are 20 teams left in the race, divided into five groups of four countries with each winner going through to the finals. The qualifying runs through to August next year, a protracted programme that has all the makings of being Africa's most intense yet.

Nigeria, despite the resignation of coach Jo Bonfrere, seem to have a tailor-made route to France. The super Eagles, whose team will be mostly made up of the gold-winners at the Atlanta Olympics, have been drawn with Burkina Faso, Guinea and Kenya after escaping a possible ban for their refusal to play in the Nations Cup finals.

For the rest, there should be some fearful scraps and a couple of side-shows along the way.

World Cup favourite . . . Nigeria's Austin Okocha

GROUP ONE

Nigeria v Burkina Faso
(Lagos, November 9)
The last time these two countries met in Lagos, Nigeria won 7-1 despite having to play in cut-off tracksuit bottoms after officials forgot to bring the team's shorts. The score should be pretty much the same this time, in Nigeria's second full international at home since March 1994. Austin Okocha of Fenerbahce remains the kingpin.

Guinea v Kenya
(Conakry, November 10)
Kenya caused something of a sensation with their 3-2 aggregate win over Algeria in the preliminary round but are unlikely to continue that form. Mike Okoth of Belgium First Division outfit Harelbeke is the only European-based player. Guinea, still seeking to reclaim the glory of the 1970s, are possibly the strongest opposition to Nigeria in this group.

GROUP TWO

Egypt v Namibia
(Cairo, November 8)
This should serve as a appetiser for Egypt's bid to make a third World Cup finals appearance. But Namibia have shown stunning resolve of late and amassed an unbeaten run of eight matches. They have built themselves up into a tight unit and could prove stubborn opponents. Egypt, who have lost two key players to clubs in Europe still should have the strength to get all three points, particularly if Hazem Imam (Udinese, Italy) and Yasser Radwan (Hansa Rostock, Germany) are given the free roles they both so relish.

Liberia v Tunisia
(Venue tba, November 10)
Ghana's capital Accra is likely, again, to host Liberia's home match, because the civil war in their own country remains fluid. These teams were in the same group in the qualifiers for the 1996 African Nations Cup and Liberia scored the only goal in their two encounters. George Weah remains the inspiration for the team, who can draw on a reservoir of European-based talent, but their lack of match practice always counts against them. Tunisia are recovering from a disappointing Olympic Games, and coach Henri Kasperczak might be tempted to bring back a few of his old discards.

GROUP THREE

South Africa v Zaire
(Johannesburg, November 9)
African champions have a difficult start against the enigmatic Zairians. Coach Clive Barker now has plenty of European-based talent to call on, not least teenager Quinton Fortune of Atletico Madrid, who could become the revelation of the qualifying rounds. Muntumbile Santos is back in charge of Zaire and happy that officials are taking this campaign a lot more seriously. His foreign legion is vital to his chances, particularly Felix-Michel Ngonge.

Congo v Zambia
(Brazzaville, November 10)
Congo created a stir with their preliminary-round win over Ivory Coast, but still remain the potential whipping boys of this group. A win over Zambia will do South Africa and Zaire a tremendous favour, but a draw is more likely. Zambia's coach, Raould Poulsen, has been conducting furious preparation since August and the team have played 15 matches already this year. This is the last chance for Kalusha Bwalya to take his beloved country to the World Cup finals after their narrow exit last time.

GROUP FOUR

Angola v Zimbabwe
(Luanda, November 10)
This could be Bruce Grobbelaar's last appearance for Zimbabwe though Peter Ndlovu of Coventry remains the team's best player in a group in which Zimbabwe have a very good chance of winning. Angola, now coached by former Portuguese international Manuel Gomes, also have realistic hopes of qualifying, particularly after their impressive wins over Uganda in the preliminary round.

Togo v Cameroon
(Lome, November 10)
Togo are virtually a one-man team, reliant on Bachirou Salou, who plays in Germany for Duisburg. His presence was vital in the preliminary round win over Senegal and the more recent triumph over Congo in the preliminary round of the 1998 African Nations Cup. Cameroon did not have to go through the preliminaries because of their past performances at the World Cup, but are nothing near the team of the early 1990s.

GROUP FIVE

Gabon v Ghana
(Libreville, November 10)
Gabon surprised all and sundry with their quarter-final place at the Nations Cup finals in South Africa in January but are unlikely to repeat that form. The team still depend on Pierre Aubame for inspiration, despite the fact that he now plays in Italy's Fourth Division. Ghana have never been to the World Cup, and this is a final chance for two of their greatest products, Abedi Pele and Anthony Yeboah. Both should be available after skipping the preliminary matches against Tanzania for a summer holiday instead.

Morocco v Burundi
(Rabat, November 10)
This match may not take place after the UN sanctions on Burundi banned all air travel to and from Burundi. If the game does go ahead it will be something of an eye-opener for Morocco against this small east African country. Henri Michel is now Morocco's coach, having had World Cup finals experience with his native France and Cameroon. Strangely, the majority of his team now play in Portugal, including the supremely talented Mustapha Hadji of Sporting Lisbon.

Happier times . . . Bonfrere celebrates Nigeria's Olympic gold medal

Nigeria

Bonfrere quits the Eagles

NIGERIAN football entered a new phase of chaos after Jo Bonfrere, Dutch manager of Nigeria's victorious Olympic side, resigned in dramatic circumstances.

Reminiscent of the actions of his predecessor, Clemence Westerhof (now coach of Egyptian club side, Ismaili) who left the Super Eagles immediately after a narrow World Cup 94 loss to Italy, Bonfrere flew to Holland after the Nigerians defeated Argentina in the Olympic finals, refusing to return to Nigeria with the gold medallists in response to pressure from FA officials.

The unexpected decision was revealed during a telephone interview from Maastricht with television journalists in Lagos.

Bonfrere, previously assistant coach to Westerhof during his five-year tenure, accused officials of the Nigerian Football Association (NFA) of attempting to interfere in team selection ever since he took up the position a year ago, saying that things came to a head during the Olympics, where undue pressure was put on him to change the side.

"I was asked to play different players even when we were winning and when I refused to do this, my match bonus payments were reduced," he complained.

His refusal to return to Nigeria prompted the personal intervention of General Sani Abacha, head of the country's military junta.

He persuaded Bonfrere to return to the country and receive his 1.5million Naira (about £10,000) gift, outstanding arrears of salary and a national medal during a subsequent reception for the Para-Olympic contingent in Abuja.

Before this, Sani Toro, FA secretary general, alleged that Bonfrere had been unable to account for US £20,000, which had been disbursed to him in order to pay for the training costs for the Olympics and the aborted African Nations Cup campaign in South Africa.

Bonfrere, who got the job after the short reign of his predecessor, Carlos Alberto Torres, Brazil's 1970 World Cup-winning captain (he also resigned in frustration) emphatically denied the charges, telling his players during a meeting in Atlanta that he had refused to return the money because his pleas to the FA, to settle the arrears of salary owed to him, had failed.

This is not the first time that Bonfrere has departed in controversial circumstances. After leading the Falcon's, Nigeria's female national team, to the inaugural Women's World Cup in China five years ago, he refused to return with the squad after key players got entangled in a sex scandal involving top bureaucrats. Despite current attempts to persuade him to return, he is currently considering a lucrative offer from an unnamed Saudi Arabian club.

General Abacha has refused to re-appoint previous government nominees to the present FA board.

Bonfrere's sudden departure leaves open the question of who will handle the Super Eagles in the November World Cup qualifier against Burkina Faso.

OSASU OBAYIUWANA

ROUND-UP

Central Africa

MBILINGA have sold **GABON** international Jonas Ogandaga to Spanish Second Division club Merida and captain Francois Amegssae to Tunisian club CS Sfaxien.

In **CAMEROON**, Unisport Bafang continue to have a runaway lead at the top of the table with a eight-point gap between them and second-placed Cotonsport Garoua and Tonnerre Yaounde.

ZAIRE suffered their heaviest defeat since their 1974 World Cup debacle against Yugoslavia in going down 7-0 to Morocco in a friendly international in Settat.

Zairian Emeka Mamale has become only the second African to play in South Korea, where Posco Atoms have signed him from the South African First Division club QwaQwa Stars.

MALAWI have decided against calling up their five foreign-based players for their African Nations Cup qualifying campaign because of lack of funds.

East Africa

BURUNDI have been disqualified from the African Under-20 championship qualifiers because of the on-going travel embargo following the tiny country's recent coup d'etat.

ETHIOPIA will host the 40th anniversary celebrations of the Confederation of African Football next August.

Young Africans have won **TANZANIA**'s Mainland Super League title, leaving the rest of the pack trailing in their wake.

Nairobi giants AFC Leopards lead **KENYA**'s Premier Cup (First Division) by three points from Kenya Breweries and Eldoret KCC. Leopards are seeking their first championship in four years. Defending champions Gor Mahia are still slumped in mid-table.

North Africa

EGYPT's new federation has fired Dutch-born national coach Ruud Krol. He becomes the sixth Egyptian coach to be sacked in the last three years.

Krol was in charge of Egypt's team at the African Nations Cup finals earlier this year that reached the quarter-finals but his real sin was the failure of the Under-23 team to qualify for the Olympic Games in Atlanta. They were eliminated in the qualifiers by eventual gold medallists Nigeria.

ALGERIA have appointed Hamid Zouda as their new national team coach after the much criticised life ban on Ali Fergani, who was in charge of Algeria's shock loss to Kenya in the World Cup preliminaries.

MOROCCO have fixed the dates for next year's African Under-20 championships. They will be held from March 23 to April 5. Qualifiers got underway at the end of September. In the league, COD Meknes lead by two points from FAR Rabat, JS El Ayoun and MC Oudja.

Mohamed Rahim and Tarek Lazizi have become the latest two Algerian internationals to sign for clubs in **TUNISIA**. Rahmi, 26, joins Olympique Beja while 25-year-old defender Lazizi has signed a two-year contract with Stade Tunisien. Etoile du Sahel are the only team with a 100 per cent record after the first three rounds of the Tunisian championship.

Champions Al Ahly of **EGYPT** have signed Egyptian internationals Samir Kammouna and Ahmed Nakhia from rivals Arab Contractors. German coach Dieter Werner has joined Zamalek, who are chasing a berth in this year's African Champions Cup Final.

Southern Africa

BRUCE GROBBELAAR, the controverial former Liverpool goalkeeper, is temporarily in charge of **ZIMBABWE**'s national team as the search goes on for a more permanent and higher-profile trainer. Caps United continue to enjoy a sizeable nine-point lead over defending champions Dynamos at the top of the Zimbabwean table.

Maybin M'galwa has returned to **ZAMBIA** after several seasons in Morocco. The former international has joined Kabwe Warriors. Defending champions Mufulira Wanderers have stretched their lead at the top of the Premier League table. They have a four-point lead over Zamsure.

In **MOZAMBIQUE**, the championship is again being divided into four regional sections with the winners to meet in a tournament in Beira in November. In the two Maputo-based groups, Costa do Sol and Ferroviario Maputo are top of the table while in the north it is Pemba and in the central region, Chingale from Tete province are the leaders.

West Africa

NIGERIA will be allowed to compete in the qualifiers for the 2000 African Nations Cup finals in Zimbabwe after CAF cut their four year ban in half.

Unfashionable ASI Abengourou won the Federation Cup in the **IVORY COAST** with a 3-2 win over SO Armae. James Smith, the Ghanaian winger, has returned to Ivorian club Africa Sports from Hearts of Oak.

SIERRA LEONE have fired coach Roger Palmgren in the wake of their World Cup elimination and replaced him with Obi Metzear. The country's League championship remains suspended as the clubs dispute a government decision to disband the FA in the wake of recent poor performances by the Leone Stars.

MARK GLEESON

Diary SEPTEMBER 1996

SUNDAY, SEPT 1

ACTION: England make a winning start to the Glenn Hoddle era, beating Moldova 3-0 in the World Cup qualifiers in Chisinau . . . Jose Luis Chilavert advances from goalkeeper to fire Paraguay's free-kick equaliser in a 1-1 World Cup qualifying draw away to Argentina . . . Bulgaria, without Hristo Stoichkov, who prefers to play for Barcelona, lose 2-1 away to Israel.
ARGENTINA: Alfio Basile, out of management since Argentina's 1994 World Cup second-round exit, is appointed boss of his old club, Racing.
ITALY: Milan's veteran captain, Franco Baresi, is out for a month after twisting his left ankle in a 2-0 Italian Cup replay victory over Empoli.

MONDAY, SEPT 2

ACTION: Vietnam, Indonesia and favourites Thailand are winners on the second matchday of the Tiger Cup in Singapore.
CANADA: Diego Maradona, playing what is billed as the last game of his career, scores one goal and leads brother Lalo's Toronto Italia to a 2-1 win over a National Soccer League XI.
ENGLAND: Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson says midfielder Roy Keane will not have recovered from surgery in time to face Juventus in the Champions League.

Six-month lay-off . . . Lyon's Florian Maurice

FRANCE: Lyon striker Florian Maurice is ruled out for at least six months after severing an achilles tendon against Nantes . . . Dominique Baratelli decides that he does not, after all, want the pressure of being coach of Nice and quits after only four days in the job.
GERMANY: German football law is thrown into confusion as Fortuna Koln drop their fight to prevent Denmark striker Mikkel Beck from joining Middlesbrough on a free transfer.
ITALY: Portuguese forward Antonio Pacheco becomes the seventh foreigner to sign for Serie A side Reggiana.
MOROCCO: Former Romanian star Ion Oblemenco dies of a heart attack while watching a League match involving his new Moroccan club, Hassair Agadir.
ROMANIA: Craiova local authorities declare Jiul Petrosani president Miron Cozma persona non grata a week after he was banned and fined for butting a Dinamo Bucharest player during a half-time fracas.

TUESDAY, SEPT 3

GERMANY: National coach Berti Vogts says he will quit if Germany fail to qualify for the 1998 World Cup finals in France . . . Borussia Monchengladbach's UEFA Cup first round second leg tie against Arsenal is switched to Cologne to meet UEFA security standards.
HOLLAND: Referees call off a strike planned for later this month after the KNVB offers improved terms on a package comprising match fees, pension rights and other payments.
ITALY: Internazionale say that Nigerian Nwankwo Kanu's career could be over because of his newly-diagnosed heart valve problem. Kanu is reported to be "emotionally shattered". Club president Massimo Moratti says: "If he must have an operation, we will give him all the help he needs." In Holland, Ajax treasurer Arie Van Os expresses amazement at the news, saying that all Dutch examinations had confirmed that "the player's medical conditions were normal." . . . Roma's new signing Martin Dahlin says he is still in demand among clubs in France, Italy and Germany . . .champions Milan, without injured captain Franco Baresi for a month, sign another veteran defender, Pietro Vierchowod, from promoted Perugia.
POLAND: Visiting FIFA president Joao Havelange promises world federation support for the Polish federation's coach education schemes.
ROMANIA: A Swiss TV company, wanting to show the Rapid Bucharest v Karlsruhe and Gloria Bistrita v Fiorentina European ties, offers to provide temporary floodlights so the matches can be staged in the evening.
SPAIN: Atletico Madrid decide to re-lay the worm-damaged turf at their Vicente Calderon stadium, only a week before their Champions League tie with Steaua Bucharest . . . national coach Javier Clemente says Spain's competitive internationals will be moved around the country and no longer played only in Seville.
SWEDEN: Helsingborg agree the sale of striker Martin Pringle to Benfica.
SWITZERLAND: FIFA, acting to eliminate the use of exploitative child labour, agrees with international trade union officials a code of labour for the production of FIFA-authorised footballs.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 4

ACTION: Spain win 6-2 away to the Faroe Islands in a World Cup qualifier . . . European champions Germany win 2-0 away to Poland in a friendly . . . Czech Republic beat Iceland 2-0 . . . Malaysia thrash Philippines 7-0 in the Tiger Cup in Singapore . . . Poland and Germany draw 0-0 in an Under-21 friendly.
ENGLAND: Eric Cantona, who is just about to star in three TV commercials for the Channel Tunnel Eurostar rail service, is cleared by UEFA to play in Manchester United's opening Champions League clash, against Juventus.
ITALY: Milan's Dejan Savicevic and Antonio Conte of Juventus are given two-match bans after being sent off in a friendly between their clubs last month . . . Inter forward Nwankwo Kanu insists he will seek out the best doctors in the world to help him defy the heart specialists who say his career is over.
SCOTLAND: Celtic say that UEFA's decision to refer the John Collins transfer case to FIFA's Legal Matters Committee could be a good sign in their fight for up to £2.5million for the midielder.
SINGAPORE: Former international Anthony Samy is paralysed from the neck down after falling awkwardly during a friendly between Woodlands Wellington and Selangor.
SPAIN: Argentiniane signing Matias Almeyda begins training with his new Sevilla team mates.

THURSDAY, SEPT 5

ARGENTINA: Velez Sarsfield's Paraguayan captain and goalkeeper, Jose Luis Chilavert, is banned by a court from playing football in Argentina for 13 months, for punching a stadium workman at a game between Velez and Gimnasia y Esgrima de La Plata in April 1994.
CZECH REPUBLIC: Sparta Prague dismiss trainer Vlastimil Petrzela, then appoint former World Cup midfielder Josef Chovanec.
FRANCE: Marseille's German keeper Andy Kopke is voted World Best Goalkeeper in the annual poll conducted by the International Statisticians' Federation. . . Strasbourg striker Pascal Nouma is banned for a month by the French League for assaulting Metz defender Pascal Pierre at the end of a League match last week. Pierre's nose was broken in the incident as the players were leaving the pitch at the final whistle. Nouma accused Pierre of racial abuse.
GERMANY: Fortuna Dusseldorf's entire playing and training squad have to undergo emergency X-rays after 44-year-old team assistant Alexander Spengler is diagnosed as suffering from tuberculosis. The tests all prove negative.
ITALY: Juventus coach Marcello Lippi criticises the two-match ban imposed on new captain Antonio Conte. Lippi says: "It is absurd for friendly matches to be treated so harshly. The rules must be changed."
SWEDEN: Djurgarden are fined £10,000 for hooliganism among their supporters during a match against IFK Gothenburg in August, and are ordered to play their home game against Halmstad on September 16 behind closed doors.

FRIDAY, SEPT 6

ACTION: Thailand thrash Brunei 6-0 in a first round match in the Tiger Cup in Singapore.
FRANCE: Captain Franck Silvestre is out of Auxerre's Champions League match against Ajax on Wednesday with a shoulder injury.
GERMANY: Austrian striker Toni Polster asks Koln for a transfer.
SWEDEN: Helsingborg forward Martin Pringle signs a four-year contract with Portugal's Benfica but will not join them while Helsingborgs remain in the UEFA Cup.
SWITZERLAND: FIFA says it will seek further details about a 13-month ban from Argentinian soccer imposed on Paraguay captain Jose Luis Chilavert. He also was given a three-month suspended jail sentence.

SATURDAY, SEPT 7

ACTION: Kenya Breweries beat Ports Authority (Sierra Leone) 1-0 in a CAF Cup quarter-final, first leg. In another tie, Algeria's Mouloudia of Oran beat Vita Club from Zaire 2-0 . . . Bayern Munich stay top of the Bundesliga with a difficult 1-0 win over Arminia Bielefeld . . . Portuguese champions Porto's Brazilian contingent lead the team to their first victory of the season when they score all the goals in a 3-0 away win over Uniao de Leiria. Porto get off to a poor start to the season when they just manage a 2-2 draw against promoted Setubal.
AUSTRIA: Rapid's Trifon Ivanov is banned for eight matches after a scuffle with an opponent.

SUNDAY, SEPT 8

ACTION: Shooting Stars of Nigeria improve their chances of becoming the first Nigerian club to win the African Champions Cup when they lose only 1-0 away in the first leg of their quarter-final against holders Orlando Pirates . . . striker Bebeto scores a rare goal to earn Flamengo a draw at home against Corinthians in a match overshadowed by violence on the field . . . Bastia draw comfort from a 2-0 home win over Marseille in a match that triggers painful memories at the Furiani stadium . . . Marco Simone scores twice and Liberian George Weah adds a memorable third as Milan come from behind to defeat Verona 4-1.

MONDAY, SEPT 9

ACTION: Indonesia secure a place in the Tiger Cup semi-finals in Singapore by thrashing Burma 6-1.
ENGLAND: Leeds dismiss manager Howard Wilkinson following the 4-0 home defeat by champions Manchester United.
HOLLAND: The pitch in the new Amsterdam Arena is badly damaged by fans at a Tina Turner concert.
ITALY: Udinese sue Inter defender Salvatore Fresi for the foul which broke Giovanni Stroppa's leg.
POLAND: Three Germans arrested after last Wednesday's international between Poland and Germany are sentenced to probation and fined by a court in Zabrze for burning the Polish flag and damaging seating.
SPAIN: Brazilian World Cup forward Romario says he will quit Valencia after being dropped for the UEFA Cup game against Bayern Munich – then withdraws his threat. Coach Luis Aragones left him out because he considered Romario was not putting enough effort into training . . . Real Madrid forward Jose Amavisca is ruled out for between two and three months after aggravating an injury to his left knee in the warm-up before Sunday's game against Hercules.

TUESDAY, SEPT 10

ACTION: Valencia beat holders Bayern Munich 3-0 in the UEFA Cup first round first leg.
ALBANIA: Brazilian Carlos Eduardo Castro de Souza, known as Edu, becomes the first foreign player to join an Albanian club when he signs for Lushnja on a domestic record contract of £35,000 a year. Edu played formerly for Flamengo, then for clubs in Cyprus and Greece.
ENGLAND: George Graham, clear of his suspension for misconduct arising from his links with Norwegian agent Rune Hauge, is appointed manager of Leeds in succession to Howard Wilkinson . . . Manchester United skipper Eric Cantona is subject of a private summons to be heard at Liverpool County Court following an alleged incident in Chester in May, 1994.
GERMANY: TSV 1860 Munich sign Ghanaian Abedi Pele on a free transfer from Torino.
JAPAN: Grampus Eight say Arsene Wenger is still negotiating a date for his departure for Arsenal.
SPAIN: La Coruna beat Real Madrid in the race to sign Brazilian Olympic midfielder Flavio Conceicao from Palmeiras for £4.2million . . . FIFA president Joao Havelange, in an interview in Spain, says he is unhappy with the down-grading of soccer at the last two Olympics.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 11

ACTION: Juventus open their Champions League defence with a 1-0 win over Manchester United . . . Japan beat Uzbekistan 1-0 in a match to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the JFA . . . Indonesia and Vietnam draw 1-1 in Singapore and both qualify for the semi-finals of the Tiger Cup.
ARGENTINA: Claudio Caniggia's mother, Tomasa, dies after falling from her fifth-floor Buenos Aires apartment. Police suspect suicide.
AUSTRIA: Casino Graz coach Ljubko Petrovic resigns after hitting one of his players, Boban Dmitrovic, who was sent off during a 3-1

defeat by Germinal Ekeren in the UEFA Cup.
BRAZIL: Pele, in his capacity as Sports Minister, formally approves a measure which enables footballers to transfer as free agents on reaching the age of 32 . . . former World Cup-winner Gerson says that "the violence in Brazilian football today is a disgrace".
ENGLAND: The Anglo-Italian Cup is scrapped because English and Italian leagues cannot agree on fixture dates . . . Leicester win a claim against Wolves for £250,000 damages over the collapse of Australian goalkeeperZeljko Kalac's proposed move to Molineux.
GERMANY: Dortmund sweeper Matthias Sammer is voted Footballer of the Year ahead of Jurgen Klinsmann and Andy Kopke . . . Stefan Effenberg says he would consider possible offers from Arsenal when he has completed this season with Borussia Monchengladbach.
ITALY: Magistrates order video footage of Inter's opening Serie A match against Udinese to be seized after a lawyer appeals on behalf of injured Udinese forward Giovanni Stroppa.
JAPAN: Arsene Wenger says it may not be until January that he becomes available to take over Arsenal – despite confirmation from MetroStars' Carlos Queiroz that he is discussing moving to Japan as Wenger's replacement.
SPAIN: Second Division club Osasuna ban the local mayor from their games after accusing him of 'insulting behaviour' at last weekend's match.
SWEDEN: Stefan Schwarz's father is arrested on charges of suspected extortion against the midfielder's former agent, Lars T Peterson.
UNITED STATES: Bob Houghton quits as coach of Colorado Rapids, the team with the worst record in MLS.

THURSDAY, SEPT 12

ACTION: Barcelona switch their Cup-Winners Cup tie against AEK Larnaca to the Montjuic Olympic stadium because of the poor state of the Nou Camp pitch – they win 2-0 . . . Sao Paulo coach Carlos Alberto Parreira is sent off along with one player from each side in his team's 2-1 South American Supercup defeat by Olimpia Asuncion.
ENGLAND: Russia goalkeeper Dimitri Kharin is ruled out for two months after damaging knee ligaments . . . Manchester United say they may, after all, sign Barcelona defender Miguel Angel Nadal.
ITALY: Udinese offer a two-week trial to Tottenham's Northern Ireland forward, Gerard McMahon.
PORTUGAL: Celebrating supporters besiege Oporto airport in the early hours to welcome home the Porto team who beat Milan 3-2 in the Champions League.
TURKEY: FIFA is asked to resolve a dispute between Dalian Atkinson and Turkish champions Fenerbahce. Atkinson says he will not return to Istanbul until the club pay £100,000 he claims he is owed in back pay.
UNITED STATES: Mike Brown, president of the Cincinnati Bengals gridiron team, says he is interested in acquiring an MLS franchise.

FRIDAY, SEPT 13

ACTION: Thailand (4-1 winners against Vietnam) and Malaysia (3-1 v Indonesia) reach the final of the Tiger Cup in Singapore.
ENGLAND: Manchester United fans protest at heavy-handed treatment by the Italian police during the Champions League trip to Turin to play Juventus. . . United manager Alex Ferguson says he expects to complete the £3.2m capture of Barcelona's Miguel Angel Nadal within a week . . . Stewart Houston resigns as caretaker manager of Arsenal.
FRANCE: National coach Aime Jacquet suggests that Eric Cantona has further weakened his prospects of a France comeback by his criticism of Juventus midfielder Didier Deschamps.
ITALY: National coach Arrigo Sacchi attacks the media's over-the-top reaction to Italy's first-round exit from the European Championship finals.
PORTUGAL: Boavista's Bolivia midfielder Erwin Sanchez – only just back in action after a four-month ban for failing a dope test – is out for six months after damaging knee ligaments in Tuesday's UEFA Cup win over Odense.
UNITED STATES: Roy Wegerle is appointed caretaker coach of Colorado Rapids in place of Bob Houghton, who resigned on Tuesday.

SATURDAY, SEPT 14

ACTION: Australia and hosts South Africa are first-day winners in the Simba Cup . . . Bordeaux, inspired by rejuvenated Jean-Pierre Papin, beat Lille 3-0 to go top in France . . . Heiko Herrlich, out for six months with torn ankle ligaments, scores his third goal in two games as German champions Dortmund foil Stuttgart's bid to top the League . . . Yoshiyuki Hasegawa scores the winner as Kashima Antlers sneak a 2-1 win over visiting Yokohama Flugels and stay top of the J.League . . . in Scotland, Hearts have four players sent off in a 3-0 defeat by Rangers at Ibrox.
ENGLAND: Diego Maradona, visiting London, says he will shortly seek medical advice week about whether or not to continue his playing career . . . Arsenal and England captain Tony Adams admits he is an alcoholic.
FRANCE: Auxerre's Australian sweeper, Ned Zelic, injured in the 10th minute of his team's goalless League draw against Nancy, is out for at least a month with a knee injury.
SPAIN: Barcelona, at the behest of coach Bobby Robson, decide not to transfer Miguel Angel Nadal to Manchester United.
UKRAINE: Kiev Dynamo directors declare a "state of emergency" and give coach Josif Szabo the right to cut pay and bonuses and even sack players guilty of indiscipline or lack of effort.

SUNDAY, SEPT 15

ACTION: In the World Cup qualifiers, Jamaica beat Honduas 3-0 and Mexico win 3-0 away to St Vincent . . . Thailand beat Malaysia 1-0 in the final of the Tiger Cup in Singapore . . . Paris Saint-Germain go top in France after winning 1-0 at Cannes. Paris goalkeeper Bernard Lama is injured saving a penalty two minutes from time . . . Hamburg beat St Pauli 3-0 in Germany despite having two men sent off . . . Feyenoord go top in Holland thanks to a 1-0 win at FC Twente. Previous leaders PSV lose 2-1 at De Graafschap . . . more trouble for Milan, who lose 2-1 to Sampdoria. . . Portuguese champions FC Porto beat Chaves 2-0. Champions League hero Jardel scores twice as substitute.

Award-winner again . . . Matthias Sammer

ENGLAND: Diego Maradona, visiting London, storms out of Chelsea after being denied entry to the VIP area because he is not wearing a tie.
BRAZIL: Santos goalkeeper Edinho, son of Pele, is one of 11 players sent off in the Brazilian championship at the weekend.

MONDAY, SEPT 16

ACTION: Papua New Guinea draw 1-1 with Solomon Islands in a World Cup qualifier.
DENMARK: A majority of national coaches attending a UEFA convention in Copenhagen come out against the golden goal.
ENGLAND: Frenchman Arsene Wenger is named as the new manager of Arsenal, their fifth in 18 months . . . ex-Arsenal assistant Stewart Houston is appointed manager of relegated Queens Park Rangers . . . new Leeds manager George Graham appoints former Arsenal and Ireland defender David O'Leary as his assistant . . . Premiership and Football League players are to face random post-match and training drink tests.
ITALY: Milan's new Uruguayan coach, Oscar Tabarez, is given a vote of confidence after one of the worst weeks in the club's recent history.
SOUTH AFRICA: South Africa fly in several European-based professionals to bolster their team for Wednesday's international against Australia in Johannesburg. The exiles include Swiss-based trio Phil Masinga, Sizwe Motaung and David Nyathi as well as midfielder John Moshoeu of Turkish club Kocaelispor and Eric Tinkler, who plays for Cagliari in Italy.
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES: Holders Japan draw a relatively easy group for December's finals of the Asian Cup. Japan, winners in 1992, are seeded in Group C to face China, Syria and Uzbekistan in Al Ain. The draw conveniently keeps Kuwait and Iraq apart.
UNITED STATES: Carlos Queiroz will quit the New York/New Jersey MetroStars at the end of the Major League Soccer season to succed Arsene Wenger as coach to Grampus 8 in the J.League.

Re-Juvenation . . . Boksic beats Schmeichel in Turin

OBITUARY

JULIO ELIAS MUSIMESSI . . . former goalkeeper of Boca Juniors and Newells Old Boys in the early 1950s, has died aged 73. Musimessi wound up his playing career in Chile with Green Cross then took up nightclub singing, with some success, back in Buenos Aires. Musimessi was goalkeeper of the Boca team who won the 1954 Argentinian championship with a pair of full-backs named Colman and Edwards – just as two players of the same names were emerging half a world away with Manchester United.

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TUESDAY, SEPT 17

ACTION: Edmundo scores twice and makes another goal as Vasco da Gama beat Desportes Tolima of Colombia 4-0 in the Conmebol Cup.
BRAZIL: Flamengo say they are ready to propose a three-month 'lease-back' of World Cup-winning striker Romario from Valencia.
DENMARK: Spain's Javier Clemente pinpoints soccer's biggest problem as refereeing mistakes, during the second day of the three-day UEFA National Coaches Convention in Copenhagen.
ENGLAND: Manager Joe Royle's spending power at Everton is boosted by confirmation of a £15million shares issue.
FRANCE: Paris Saint-Germain goalkeeper Bernard Lama, who had an operation on his damaged right knee ligament on Monday, will be out for six to eight weeks . . . World Cup organising presidents Michel Platini and Fernand Sastre show off the greenhouses where the special grass for the Stade de France, venue for the 1998 World Cup Opening Match and Final, is being developed.
GERMANY: More trouble for champions Borussia Dortmund as Brazilian defender Julio Cesar becomes the 11th injury victim when he is booked into a hospital for knee surgery.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 18

ACTION: Solomon Islands draw 1-1 with Vanuatu in a World Cup CONCACAF qualifier in Papua New Guinea. Czech Republic thrash Malta 6-0 . . . Romania lose, surprisingly, 2-1 at home to the United Arab Emirates in a friendly in Bucharest . . . hosts South Africa beat Australia 2-0 in the second round of the Simba Cup; Ghana beat Kenya 1-0.
ARGENTINA: Claudio Caniggia, flying back to Europe after attending his mother's funeral in Buenos Aires, says he hopes to play in England for Arsenal or Chelsea. Velez Sarsfield keeper Jose Luis Chilavert says he will sign later this week for an Italian club – believed to be Roma. Velez sign a replacement, World Cup veteran Sergio Goycochea from Internacional of Porto Alegre.
CAMEROON: Belgian Henri Depireux is appointed national coach.

Injury lay-off . . . PSG's Bernard Lama

DENMARK: Europe's national coaches, concerned at the ever-increasing power of the big clubs, demand more time with their players so they can maintain their teams' standards. "They fear international football could become watered down," says UEFA technical director Andy Roxburgh at the end of the three-day convention. The suggestion is for more 10-day spells which include two national team matches.
ENGLAND: Manchester United skipper Eric Cantona is ordered by a county court judge to pay £350 compensation in connection with an alleged assault at a hotel in Chester in May 1994. Cantona was not at the hearing.
MEXICO: Mexico coach Bora Milutinovic finally relents and calls up controversial striker Carlos Hermosillo for the World Cup qualifier in Honduras.
PORTUGAL: Porto thrash Benfica 5-0 to win the Supercup 6-0 on aggregate.
SPAIN: Celta Vigo switch forward Sunday's kick off against Betis by an hour to allow their Israel midfielder Haim Revivo to start Yom Kippur . . . Diego Maradona says he will decide in 10 days' time, while on holiday in Spain whether to retire. He also agrees to foot the bill for damage inflicted in an early-hours incident to chairs, a table, a ceiling and a lift in the Alicante hotel where is staying . . . Johan Cruyff launches renewed legal action against Barcelona to recover £38,000 in wages and bonuses from his final two months at the club.
SWITZERLAND: FIFA rejects a request by Bosnia to play next month's World Cup qualifying match against Croatia in Sarajevo. The tie will go ahead in neutral Italy, at Bologna . . . FIFA reject speculation that the 2002 World Cup, to be co-hosted by Japan and South Korea, could be expanded from 32 teams to 40.

THURSDAY, SEPT 19

ENGLAND: Chelsea sign Norway goalkeeper Frode Grodas on loan from Lillestrom until the end of the year because of Dmitri Kharin's injury . . . new Leeds manager George Graham says he may recall Tomas Brolin from loan to FC Zurich . . . incoming Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger says he is concerned about an alcohol problem in English football . . . Southampton manager Graeme Souness signs Portugal's Paulo Alves from Sporting Libson and Israel's Eyal Berkowitz, and bids for Kaiserslauten's Pavel Kuka . . . the FA reports a rush on tickets for Glenn Hoddle's Wembley debut as England coach against Poland.
HOLLAND: Only a month after moving into their new stadium, Ajax promise to refund amounts up to 25 per cent for 1,400 season ticket holders who have an obstructed view of the pitch.
ITALY: Milan say George Weah is not for sale . . . the FIGC asks the FA for the release of Fabrizio Ravanelli and Roberto Di Matteo by Middlesbrough and Chelsea for next month's World Cup qualifiers against Moldova and Georgia.
SPAIN: Johan Cruyff loses his first court case in his action against Barcelona . . . Maradona's one-man attack on his hotel in Alicante is explained away by the manager as anger after being trapped in a lift for 20 minutes.

FRIDAY, SEPT 20

ACTION: Papua New Guinea beat Vanuata 2-1 in a World Cup CONCACAF qualifier.
AUSTRIA: Ex-international Gusti Starek is appointed coach of Casino Graz.
ENGLAND: Former FA president Sir Bert Millichip tells a UEFA Euro 96 forum that mistakes by referees and linesmen are destroying football as an entertainment for both fans and players.
PORTUGAL: Sporting agree a £1m fee with West Ham for international striker Hugo Porfirio.
SINGAPORE: Two Malaysians and a Singaporean are charged with offering a £32,000 bribe to Philippine defender, Saluria Bearneza Judy, in a bid to fix a match between Singapore and the Philippines in the recent Tiger Cup.
SWITZERLAND: FIFA moves the World Cup qualifier between Bosnia and Croatia forward one day to October 8 in Bologna, because Italy and Georgia play next day in Perugia . . . FIFA frown on the proposed move of English club Wimbledon to Dublin.

SATURDAY, SEPT 21

ACTION: South Africa are held 0-0 by Ghana but still win the Simba Cup . . . Honduras beat Mexico 2-1 in a World Cup qualifier . . . Patrik Berger makes it six goals in a week as Liverpool thrash Chelsea 5-1 . . . Alexander Zickler's first-half goal brings Bayern Munich a 1-0 win over Karslruhe and top spot in the League as Stuttgart suffer their first defeat of the season, losing 2-0 to Dusseldorf. Champions Borussia Dortmund go down 5-1 to Monchengladbach . . . Feyenoord extend their lead in Holland by winning 1-0 against neighbours Sparta while PSV are held 0-0 at home to Vitesse . . . substitute Vincenzo Montella hits a second-half hat-trick as Sampdoria wreck Roma's perfect start to the season with a 4-1 away victory. . . Porto maintain their lead in Portugal by winning away to Salgueiros . . . Atletico Madrid storm back into form in Spain by defeating Logrones 3-0.

SUNDAY, SEPT 22

ACTION: Slovakia beat Malta 6-0 in a World Cup qualifier . . . Leverkusen thrash Freiburg 5-3 to move up to third in Germany . . . Ajax are held 1-1 at home by De Graafschap to slip eight points behind leaders Feyenoord in Holland . . . Juventus (despite the expulsion of Zinedine Zidane) and Milan (despite the expulsion Edgar Davids) hit back for 2-1 wins against Perugia and Bologna respectively . . . Ronaldo celebrates his 20th birthday by scoring twice in Barcelona's 3-2 defeat of Real Sociedad in Spain.
ENGLAND: Arsene Wenger explains why he turned down an offer to become FA coaching director in favour of the Arsenal managership . . . Southampton's bid for Sporting Lisbon's Paulo Alves collapses.
GERMANY: Newspaper reports claim that Jurgen Klinsmann negotiated, during the summer, a clause in his contract allowing him to quit Bayern for free at the season's end.

MONDAY, SEPT 23

ACTION: Qatar beat the Philippines 5-0 in a World Cup Asian qualifier.
GERMANY: Borussia Dortmund will be without Paulo Sousa until February. He needs knee surgery . . . Jurgen Klinsmann insists he will see out his three-year contract with Bayern.
ITALY: Sampdoria's French signing Pierre Laigle undergoes surgery for a broken nose and is out for three weeks.
REP IRELAND: The FAI agrees a new £1.2m deal with long-term sponsors Opel until 2002.
SOUTH AFRICA: The draw for the semi-finals of the African Champions Cup matches JS Kabylie (Algeria) v Shooting Stars (Nigeria) and CS Sfaxien (Tunisia) v Zamalek (Egypt). The CAF halves Nigeria's ban from the Nations Cup, effectively allowing them back into the qualifying competition for the 2000 finals. CAF also announces the creation of an African Champions League, modelled on the European version.

TUESDAY, SEPT 24

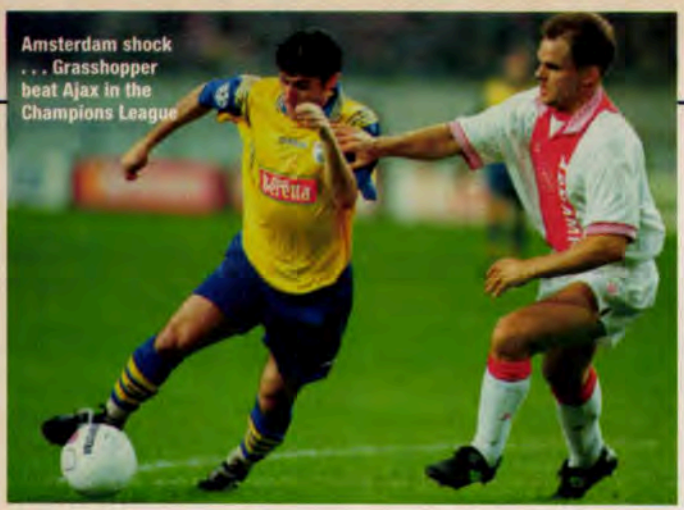
ACTION: Holders Bayern Munich slump out of the UEFA Cup after they win only 1-0 at home to Valencia and lose 3-1 on aggregate. Jurgen Klinsmann misses a first-half penalty.
NORWAY: Veteran goalkeeper Erik Thorstvedt, 33, retires with a back injury.
RUSSIA: Stone-throwing Spartak fans are arrested after breaking the Roma team bus windscreen, following the Italian club's 3-0 victory in Moscow.
SCOTLAND: Celtic set up a friendly against Barcelona on October 5 because, according to manager Tommy Burns, "if we confine ourselves to domestic opposition we cannot learn and develop the tactics and style necessary to become more effective in Europe."
UNITED STATES: Mark Fortunat, former director of finance for Tampa Bay Mutiny, is released on bail after being charged with stealing more than £65,000 from the MLS club.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 25

ACTION: Milan find their feet in the Champions League, beating Rosenborg 3-1 in Norway thanks to a Marco Simone hat-trick. But Ajax suffer a shock 1-0 home defeat by Grasshopper.
ARGENTINA: A police drug squad raid Diego Maradona's club Boca Juniors, the Argentinian federation offices and a sports training centre where match drug tests are undertaken.
FRANCE: Monaco launch an audacious bid to buy Roberto Baggio from Milan.
LATVIA: Latvia officials risk UEFA's wrath over the rule-breaking manner in which they have sold television rights for the World Cup qualifier against Scotland.
SWITZERLAND: Brazil remain top of the world rankings while Russia move up to fifth.
UNITED STATES: USSF president Alan Rothenberg says the success of MLS has proved the authorities were right to delay its launch.

THURSDAY, SEPT 26

ACTION: Sri Lanka beat Philippines 3-0 in a World Cup Asian qualifier in Qatar . . . Santos beat old rivals Penarol 3-0 to reach the quarter-finals of the South American Supercup . . . Fiorentina beat Gloria Bistrita of Romania only 1-0 in their Cup-winners Cup return but squeeze through 2-1 on aggregate.
ARMENIA: The World Cup qualifier against Germany in Yerevan on October 9 may be postponed or moved following civil unrest.
BELGIUM: European Commissioner Karel Van Miert warns UEFA the Commission could act shortly unless European soccer's governing body changes its broadcasting restrictions.
BRAZIL: Corinthians boss Valdir Espinosa is sacked for criticising the board while Goias dismiss Cabralzinho after a run of poor results. Nelsinho Batista walks out on Internacional after being asked to replace Espinosa at Corinthians.
ENGLAND: Arsenal's Paul Merson is recalled by England for the first time since revelations of his problems with gambling, drugs and alcohol.
SCOTLAND: Manager Craig Brown surprisingly includes Paul Lambert of Borussia Dortmund and Aberdeen striker Billy Dodds in his squad for the World Cup qualifiers against Latvia and Estonia.
SWITZERLAND: Sweden international Tomas Brolin, who never settled at Leeds under former boss Howard Wilkinson, could return from loan to FC Zurich now George Graham has taken over . . . FIFA bans a new five-nation tournament in Southern Africa, the Castle Cup, just hours ahead of the opening match's kick-off in Harare between Zimbabwe and Tanzania.



Amsterdam shock . . . Grasshopper beat Ajax in the Champions League

FRIDAY, SEPT 27

ACTION: Hosts Qatar thrash India 6-0 in a World Cup qualifier.
NORWAY: The staging of Norway's World Cup qualifier against Hungary at the Ulleval Stadium, Oslo, is endangered when it is discovered that the pitch is being attacked by worms.
PORTUGAL: Champions Porto provide five players in a 21-man squad for the World Cup qualifiers against Ukraine and Albania. Squad: Vitor Baia, Rui Correia; Jorge Costa, Paulinho Santos, Helder, Secretario, Fernando Couto, Rui Jorge, Paulo Madeira, Fernando Nelson; Sergio Conceicao, Luis Figo, Sa Pinto, Rui Costa, Oceano, Jose Taira Pereira, Capucho, Paulo Bento; Folha, Paulo Alves, Joao Pinto.
ROMANIA: Emerich Jenei, who coached Steaua to victory in the Champions Cup in 1986, is appointed manager of Universitatea Craiova.
SPAIN: Holders Brazil are drawn to open the World Indoor Cup in Spain against Belgium on November 24.
SWITZERLAND: The second round draws for the 'other two' European competitions are made in Geneva as follows.
Cup-winners Cup (Oct 17 and 31): Olimpija v AEK, Barcelona v Red Star, Galatasaray v Paris S-G, Brann v PSV, Fiorentina v Sparta Prague, Sion v Liverpool, Nimes v AIK Solna, Benfica v Lokomotiv Moscow.
UEFA Cup (Oct 15 and 29): Dinamo Tbilisi v Boavista, Legia v Besiktas, Slavia Prague v Valencia, Hamburg v Spartak Moscow, Vitoria (Por) v Anderlecht, Karlsruhe v Roma, Helsingborg v Neuchatel Xamax, Espanyol v Feyenoord, Brugge v National Bucharest, Borussia MG v Monaco, Internazionale v Casino Graz, Aberdeen v Brondby, Metz v Sporting Lisbon, Ferencvaros v Newcastle, Schalke v Trabzonspor, Lazio v Tenerife.
UNITED STATES: Frank Stapleton quits as coach of New England Revolution.

SATURDAY, SEPT 28

ACTION: Andreas Herzog takes two-goal revenge over his old club as Werder Bremen beat Bayern 3-0 in Germany . . . Kashima Antlers stay top in Japan despite their 9-8 shoot-out defeat by Sanfrecce Hiroshima . . . Rangers go five points clear in Scotland after a 2-0 win over old firm rivals Celtic . . . Coruna replace Betis at the top of the Spanish League temporarily after Coruna win 2-1 away to Betis.
BRAZIL: Pele becomes the father of twins at 55, after new wife Assyria gives birth to Celeste and Joshua in Sao Paulo.
ITALY: Milan's Dutch international defender Michael Reiziger suffers from whiplash after being involved in a car accident on the way to training with Dutch teammate Edgar Davids.
SCOTLAND: Rangers vice-chairman Donald Findlay dismisses as nothing more than "a wind-up" star midfielder Paul Gascoigne's claims that the Scottish champions encourage players to go on drinking binges.
SPAIN: Rayo Vallecano are reported to be studying signing Diego Maradona.

SUNDAY, SEPT 29

ACTION: Zimbabwe beat Tanzania 1-0 in what should have been the Castle Cup opener in Harare . . . Feyenoord are surprisingly beaten 4-2 by Vitesse but stay two points at the top in Holland since PSV lose to struggling Utrecht . . . Juventus beat Fiorentina 1-0, taking advantage of Parma's 2-1 defeat at Lazio and Internazionale's 1-1 draw away to Atalanta to take solitary lead of Serie A on 10 points, one more than Milan . . . Barcelona hit back from two goals down to beat Zaragoza 5-3 amid controversy and go top in Spain.
ARGENTINA: Diego Maradona says he will never play in Argentina again as controversy mounts over his drug dependency.
HONG KONG: Crowd trouble interrupts for 45 minutes the Asian Cup-winners Cup second round tie between local side South China and Mastrans Bandung Raya of Indonesia. Eventually South China win 4-0 for a 5-1 aggregate success.

MONDAY, SEPT 30

CZECH REPUBLIC: Sparta are left stranded at the bottom of the table after losing 1-0 to Jablonec.
HOLLAND: National coach Guus Hiddink surprisingly recalls barely-fit Dennis Bergkamp for the World Cup qualifier against Wales and overlooks Edgar Davids, who was sent home in disgrace from Euro 96. Squad: Van der Sar, De Goey; Bogarde, Valckx, Ooijer, Numan, Vierklau, F de Boer; Winter, Seedorf, R de Boer, Cocu, Van Bronckhorst, Jonk; Van Hoojdonk, Bergkamp, Jordi Cruyff, Mulder.
ITALY: Top officials and club presidents agree to end the FIGC leadership crisis by voting in league president Luciano Nizzola as successor to departed Antonio Matarrese . . . Italy's World Cup qualifying preparations suffer a setback when midfielder Diego Fuser is ruled out of Saturday's opening European group two qualifier against Moldova by a left leg muscle strain.
PORTUGAL: Porto's Brazilian defender Lula (Luis Marcos) is ruled out for two months after breaking a bone in his right leg in Porto's 0-0 home draw against Estrela da Amadora on Sunday . . . Benfica beat Chaves 3-0 to overtake Lisbon rivals Sporting at the top of the league.
ROMANIA: Champions Steaua agree to sell forward Adrian Ilie and midfielder Iulian Filipescu to Turkey's Galatasaray at the end of November in a £2m joint deal.
SPAIN: Javier Clemente includes Real Madrid teenager Raul Gonzalez in the squad to face the Czech Republic. First calls also go to Betis defender Roberto Rios and Bilbao forward Ismael Urzaiz.

Crossword

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CLUES ACROSS
1.....Ex-Liverpool and Spurs custodian recently appointed England's goalkeeping coach (8)
6.....Cardiff City manager and former Liverpool and England right-back (4)
7.....Melbourne ..... – Aussie club once known as Brunswick United Juventus (6)
9.....Country competing in asian World Cup Group 1 with Saudi Arabia, Malaysia, and Bangladesh (6)
10.....Keeper who made his name with the USA at the 1994 World Cup finals (5)
11.....Reigning club champions of Wales (5)
14.....Spanish club from the Carlos Tartiere Stadium (6)
16.....Dutch star sent home early from Euro 96 (6)
17.....Grasshopper, Neuchatel and Servette back awarded his last Swiss cap in 94 (4)
18.....Veteran Polish forward latterly contracted to Utrecht in Holland (8)

CLUES DOWN
2.....Belgian League champions of 1932, 1942 and 1960 (6)
3.....Young Lazio defender called into Italy's Euro 96 squad (5)
4.....Botev Plovdiv and Bulgaria defender now with Bochum (9)
5.....Stigma Olomouc defender who made the Czechs' European final side (4)
8.....Spanish side for which Robert Jarni left Juventus (4,5)
12.....Striker of Werder Bremen, Lazio, Borussia Dortmund and Germany fame (6)
13.....Bosnian forward in Spain with Real Sociedad and Barcelona (5)
15.....Ramon, defender of Grasshopper and Switzerland (4)

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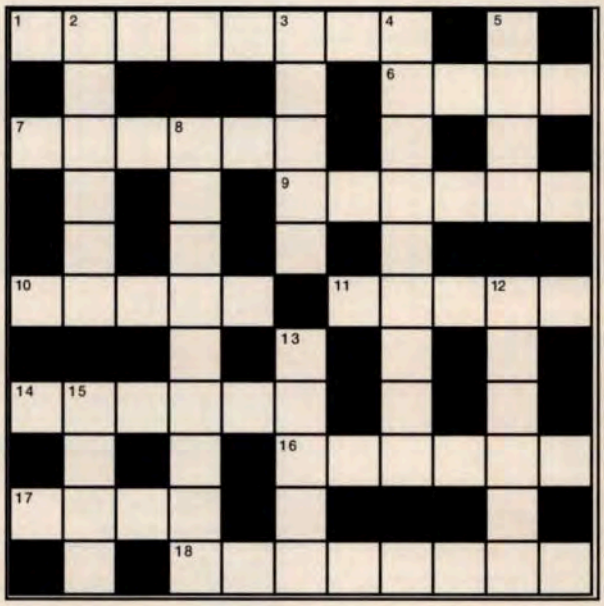

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AUSTRIA

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

SALZBURG 1 (Kogler 45)
FC TIROL 0 Att: 14,500

AUSTRIA WIEN 1 (Ogris 48)
LINZER ASK 2 (Westerthlaer 60, Riseth 63) Att: 5,000

LINZ 1 (Linimayr 40)
ADMIRA WACKER 1 (Backhaus 40) Att: 1,500

SV REID 3 (Kramer 17, Waldhor 59, Schutterle 71)
RAPID WIEN 3 (Heraf 38, Wagner 48, Penksa 89) Att: 6,000

STURM GRAZ 0
GRAZER AK 0 Att: 10,000

WEEKEND

GRAZER AK 1 (Anicic 72)
LINZ 0 Att: 3,000

LINZER ASK 3 (Westerthaler 44, Metlitsky 51, Palyatytsya 61)
STURM GRAZ 1 (Vastic 88) Att: 3,000

ADMIRA WACKER 2 (Klausz 15, Burwall 72)
SV RIED 1 (Oerlemans 85) Att: 500

RAPID WIEN 2 (Kuhbauer 16, Wagner 84)
SALZBURG 0 Att: 9,000

FC TIROL 1 (Kitzbichler 76)
AUSTRIA WIEN 1 (Gager 48) Att: 10,000

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

AUSTRIA WIEN 0
SALZBURG 4 (Laessig 13, Plazznegger 32, Kocijan 73, Glieder 85) Att: 6,500

RAPID WIEN 4 (Lesiak 6, Stoger 34, 69, Lesiak 51)
ADMIRA WACKER 1 (Hoffmann 28) Att: 6,000

SV RIED 2 (Kramer 58, Oerlemans 60)
GRAZER AK 1 (Dampfhofer 67) Att: 3,000

STURM GRAZ 0
FC TIROL 1 (Mayrleb 67) Att: 5,000

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

GRAZER AK 1 (Strassner 55)
SV RIED 0 Att: 3,000

LINZER ASK 0
LINZ 0 Att: 5,000

ADMIRA WACKER 0
RAPID WIEN 2 (Wagner 30, 67) Att: 6,000

FC TIROL 2 (Sliwowski 6, Wazinger 67)
STURM GRAZ 0 Att: 9,000

SALZBURG 3 (Glieder 51, Szewczyk 58, Hutter 87)
AUSTRIA WIEN 1 (Ogris 17) Att: 14,000

AUSTRIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SV Salzburg	11	7	3	1	17	5	24
Rapid Vienna	11	5	6	0	21	8	21
Tirol Innsbruck	11	6	3	2	17	10	21
Austria Vienna	11	4	3	4	13	19	15
Sturm Graz	11	3	4	4	13	12	13
Grazer AK	11	3	4	4	11	16	13
SV Ried	11	3	2	6	14	16	11
Linzer ASK	10	2	4	4	10	15	10
Admira Wacker	11	1	5	5	10	19	8
FC Linz	10	1	4	5	5	11	7

BELGIUM

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

CLUB BRUGES 3 (Nielsen 14, Van der Elst 44, Staelens 85)
STANDARD 0 Att: 14,000

ANDERLECHT 4 (Zetterberg 34, Preko 76, De Bilde 81, 84)
CERCLE BRUGGE 0 Att: 12,000

CHARLEROI 1 (Casto 2)
ST TRUIDEN 1 (Goots 25) Att: 6,000

MOESKROEN 2 (M. Mpenza 14, 84)
ANTWERP 2 (Makaev 31, Severeyns 59) Att: 6,000

EKEREN 0
GENK 1 (Peeters 20) Att: 5,000

LOKEREN 0
RWDM 0 Att: 4,000

LOMMEL 2 (Waligora 33, 47)
GENT 2 (Smeets 27, Jbari 43) Att: 6,000

MECHELEN 2 (Arveladze 42, 49)
LIERSE 2 (Haagdoren 30, Van Meir 64) Att: 10,000

EENDRACHT AALST 1 (Lauwers 87)
HARELBEKE 1 (Van Haezebrouck 77) Att: 4,500

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

GENK 1 (Oulare 81)
CHARLEROI 4 (Brogno 6, Gerard 27, Casto 32, Chirilov 83) Att: 8,500

GENT 2 (Martens 64, Herreman pen 89)
MOESKROEN 4 (Verspaille 3, L. Mpenza 28, 32, 50) Att: 8,000

LIERSE 0
EENDRACHT AALST 1 (Lauwers 8) Att: 6,000

RWDM 1 (Pierre 62)
CLUB BRUGGE 3 (Stanic 40, 85, Nielsen 45) Att: 6,000

ST TRUIDEN 2 (Teppers 30, Tasmussen 31)
MECHELEN 3 (M'Bonabucya 22, 70, Vreven 26) Att: 7,000

STANDARD 2 (De Conde 70, Lawaree 82)
EKEREN 1 (Van Ankeren 25) Att: 10,000

ANTWERP 0
ANDERLECHT 2 (De Bilde 71, Boffin 88) Att: 10,000

CERCLE BRUGES 2 (Torma 16, 58 pen)
LOKEREN 6 (Ekakia 1, Kanu 7, Koller 39, Janssens pen 41, Torken 81) Att: 4,000

HARELBEKE 0
LOMMEL 2 (Van Geneugden pen 68, Hendddrickx 85) Att: 3,000

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

CHARLEROI 1 (Brogno 52)
STANDARD 2 (Hellers 79, Wamberto 86) Att: 10,000

ANDERLECHT 2 (Preko 36 pen, Peiremans 41)
GENT 1 (Verhoene 8) Att: 19,000

CERCLE BRUGES 0
ANTWERP 1 (Smidts 40) Att: 3,500

MOESKROEN 1 (Lemoine 28 pen)
HARELBEKE 0 Att: 7,000

EKEREN 0
RWDM 0 Att: 2,500

LOKEREN 1 (Koller 23)
CLUB BRUGGE 1 (Borkelmans 38) Att: 12,000

LOMMEL 1 (Van Kerckhoven 68)
LIERSE 1 (Machiels 75) Att: 7,000

MECHELEN 0
GENK 0 Att: 7,000

EENDRACHT AALST 3 (Paas 13, 15, 84)
ST TRUIDEN 3 (Morhaye 64, Curto 85, Goots 90) Att: 4,500

BELGIUM

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Standard Liege	9	7	0	2	16	10	21
Club Brugge	9	5	3	1	19	9	18
Moescroen	9	5	3	1	19	9	18
Anderlecht	9	4	5	0	17	4	17
AA Gent	9	4	2	3	17	17	14
FC Antwerp	8	4	1	3	12	15	13
Charleroi	9	4	1	4	16	13	13
SK Lommel	9	3	4	2	14	15	13
Lierse SK	9	2	6	1	11	7	12
Racing Genk	9	2	5	2	9	10	11
Eendracht Aalst	9	2	4	3	12	13	10
RWDM	9	2	4	3	8	11	10
SC Lokeren	8	2	3	3	11	9	9
RC Harelbeke	9	2	3	4	9	12	9
Germinal Eekeren	9	2	2	5	8	13	8
KV Mechelen	9	1	5	3	12	16	8
ST Truiden	9	1	2	6	12	27	5
Cercle Brugge	9	0	3	6	8	20	3

ENGLAND

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

SHEFFIELD WED 2 (Humphreys 25, Booth 52)
LEICESTER 1 (Claridge 28) Att: 17,657

ARSENAL 3 (Merson 45, Keown 65, Wright 78)
CHELSEA 3 (Leboeuf 7 pen, Vialli 31, Wise 90) Att: 38,132

BLACKBURN 0
LEEDS 1 (Harte 40) Att: 23,226

DERBY CO 1 (Laursen 25)
MAN UTD 1 (Beckham 38) Att: 18,026

COVENTRY 0
LIVERPOOL 1 (Babb 68) Att: 23,021

EVERTON 0
ASTON VILLA 1 (Ehiogu 62) Att: 39,115

MIDDLESBROUGH 4 (Emerson 12, Mustoe 28, Ravanelli 52, Stamp 81)
WEST HAM 1 (Hughes 57) Att: 30,060

SOUTHAMPTON 2 (Dryden 53, Le Tissier 89)
NOTTM FOREST 2 (Campbell 4, Saunders 23) Att: 14,450

SUNDERLAND 1 (Scott 21 pen)
NEWCASTLE 2 (Beardsley 53, Ferdinand 63) Att: 22,037

WIMBLEDON 1 (Earle 3)
TOTTENHAM 0 Att: 17,506

WEEKEND

ASTON VILLA 2 (Milosevic 39, 63)
ARSENAL 2 (Merson 70, Linighan 90) Att: 37,944

LEEDS 0
MAN UTD 4 (Martyn og 3, Butt 49, Poborsky 77, Cantona 90) Att: 39,694

LIVERPOOL 2 (Collymore 39, McManaman 89)
SOUTHAMPTON 1 (Magilton 58) Att: 39,189

MIDDLESBROUGH 4 (Ravanelli 3, 73, Juninho 28, 80)
COVENTRY 0 Att: 29,811

NOTTM FOREST 0
LEICESTER 0 Att: 24,105

SHEFFIELD WED 0
CHELSEA 2 (Burley 28, Meyers 83) Att: 30,983

TOTTENHAM 1 (Allen 28)
NEWCASTLE 2 (Ferdinand 37, 61) Att: 32,535

WIMBLEDON 4 (Ardley 33, Gayle 46, Earle 59, Ekoku 73)
EVERTON 0 Att: 13,684

SUNDERLAND 0
WEST HAM 0 Att: 18,642

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

BLACKBURN 1 (Sutton 11)
DERBY CO 2 (Willems 1, Flynn 85) Att: 19,214

WEEKEND

DERBY CO 1 (Asanovic pen 84)
SUNDERLAND 0 Att: 17,692

COVENTRY 2 (Salako 57, Whelan 65)
LEEDS 1 (Couzens 1) Att: 17,297

EVERTON 1 (Short 8)
MIDDLESBROUGH 2 (Barmby 61, Juninho 82) Att: 39,250

MAN UTD 4 (Solskjaer 22, Giggs 43, Cantona 82, 90)
NOTTM FOREST 1 (Haaland 4) Att: 54,984

NEWCASTLE 2 (Shearer pen 45, Ferdinand 61)
BLACKBURN 1 (Sutton 86) Att: 36,424

SOUTHAMPTON 0
TOTTENHAM 1 (Armstrong pen 66) Att: 15,251

WEST HAM 0
WIMBLEDON 2 (Clarke 59, Ekoku 86) Att: 21,294

CHELSEA 1 (Leboeuf 45)
ASTON VILLA 1 (Townsend 18) Att: 27,729

LEICESTER 0
LIVERPOOL 3 (Berger 58, 77, Thomas 61) Att: 20,987

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

ARSENAL 4 (Platt 57, Wright pen 62, 78, 89)
SHEFFIELD WED 1 (Booth 25) Att: 33,461

COCA-COLA (LEAGUE) CUP — 2ND RND, 1ST LEG

BARNET 1 WEST HAM 1
BARNSLEY 1 GILLINGHAM 1
BLACKPOOL 1 CHELSEA 4
BRENTFORD 4 BLACKBURN 2
COVENTRY 1 BIRMINGHAM 1
EVERTON 1 YORK CITY 1
FULHAM 1 IPSWICH 1
LEEDS 2 DARLINGTON 2
LINCOLN 4 MAN CITY 1
LUTON 1 DERBY CO 0
MIDDLESBROUGH 7 HEREFORD 0
NOTTM FOREST 1 WYCOMBE 0
PORT VALE 1 CARLISLE UTD 0
PRESTON 1 TOTTENHAM 1
SCARBOROUGH 0 LEICESTER 2
SHEFFIELD WED 1 OXFORD UTD 1
SOUTHAMPTON 2 PETERBORO 0
STOCKPORT 2 SHEFFIELD UTD 1
WATFORD 0 SUNDERLAND 2
WIMBLEDON 1 PORTSMOUTH 0

WEEKEND

ASTON VILLA 0
MAN UTD 0 Att: 39,339

BLACKBURN 1 (Donis 32)
EVERTON 1 (Unsworth 37) Att: 27,091

LEEDS 0
NEWCASTLE 1 (Shearer 64) Att: 36,070

LIVERPOOL 5 (Fowler 15, Berger 42, 49, Myers og 45, Barnes 57)
CHELSEA 1 (Leboeuf pen 86) Att: 40,739

MIDDLESBROUGH 0
ARSENAL 2 (Hartson 3, Wright 27) Att: 29,629

NOTTM FOREST 0
WEST HAM 2 (Bowen 45, Hughes 54) Att: 23,352

SHEFFIELD WED 0
DERBY CO 0 Att: 23,934

SUNDERLAND 1 (Agnew 51)
COVENTRY 0 Att: 19,459

TOTTENHAM 1 (Wilson 64 pen)
LEICESTER 2 (Claridge 22, Marshall 85) Att: 24,159

ENGLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Liverpool	8	6	2	0	18	6	20
Arsenal	8	5	2	1	17	8	17
Manchester Utd	8	4	4	0	18	6	16
Wimbledon	8	5	0	3	12	7	15
Newcastle	7	5	0	2	10	7	15
Chelsea	8	3	4	1	11	10	13
Sheffield Wed	8	4	1	3	9	11	13
Aston Villa	7	3	3	1	8	5	12
Middlesbrough	8	3	2	3	14	13	11
Leicester	8	3	2	3	6	9	11
Derby County	8	2	4	2	8	10	10
Sunderland	8	2	3	3	6	6	9
Everton	8	2	3	3	8	10	9
Tottenham	8	2	2	4	6	8	8
West Ham	8	2	2	4	7	12	8
Nottingham Forest	8	1	4	3	9	14	7
Leeds Utd	8	2	1	5	6	13	7
Southampton	8	1	2	5	10	12	5
Coventry	8	1	2	5	3	13	5
Blackburn	8	0	3	5	5	11	3

FRANCE

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

AUXERRE 0
MARSEILLE 0. Att: 22,000.

BASTIA 1
LILLE 0. Att: 5,000.

CANNES 0
MONACO 2 (Henry 26, 75) Att: 9,000

LE HAVRE 1 (Samson 23)
CAEN 1 (Mendy 5) Att: 14,425

LENS 3 (Vairelles 8, Foe 84, Smicer 90)
MONTPELLIER 2 (Ferhaoui 4, Lefevre 12) Att: 28,028

METZ 3 (Pires 38, 47, 75)
STRASBOURG 1 (Rodriguez 56) Att: 19,832

LYON 2 (Caveglia 22, Giuly 29)
NANCY 0 Att: 23,610

NICE 1 (Chaouch 64)
GUINGAMP 2 (Tatarian og 9, Lecomte 88) Att: 4,000

PARIS SG 1 (Loko 34)
NANTES 0 Att: 33,809

RENNES 1 (Guivarc'h 27)
BORDEAUX 1 (Colleter 88) Att: 16,071

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

NANTES 2 (N'doram 43, 88)
LYON 2 (Caveglia 16, Deplace 62) Att: 15,061

CAEN 0
METZ 0 Att: 15,305

BORDEAUX 3 (Papin 12, 72, Ziani 60)
BASTIA 1 (Laurent 64) Att: 20,000

GUINGAMP 0
CANNES 1 (Charvet 66) Att: 8,000

LILLE 3 (Carrez 17, Garcia 55, Becanovic 73)
NICE 2 (Chaouch 37, De Neef 90) Att: 8,635

MONACO 5 (Ikpeba 1, 7, Legwinski 28, Scifo 39, Dehu og 86)
LENS 1 (Meyrieu 52) Att: 5,000

MONTPELLIER 0
PARIS SG 3 (Dely Valdes 56, Leonardo 78, Fournier 81) Att: 14,030

NANCY 0
LE HAVRE 1 (Brando 30) Att: 6,726

MARSEILLE 3 (Durand 25, 31, 37)
RENNES 1 (Denis 76) Att: 18,000

STRASBOURG 2 (Okpapa 20, 45)
AUXERRE 1 (Saib 54) Att: 14,261

WEEKEND

AUXERRE 2 (Saib 6, Laslandes 22)
CAEN 0 Att: 6,000

LE HAVRE 3 (Samson 45, Bertin pen 51, Kozniku 66)
NANTES 1 (Guyot 35) Att: 10,074

LENS 0
CANNES 0 Att: 22,318

LILLE 1 (Becanovic pen 61)
GUINGAMP 1 (Wreh 57) Att: 10,555

METZ 1 (Traore 61)
NANCY 0 Att: 23,486

LYON 1 (Giuly 4)
MONTPELLIER 1 (Rouviere 81) Att: 23,570

PARIS SG 0
MONACO 0 Att: 40,529

RENNES 2 (Johnston 27, Giuvarc'h pen 72)
STRASBOURG 0 Att: 8,626

BASTIA 2 (Moravcik 18, Drobnjak 42)
MARSEILLE 0 Att: 7,000

NICE 0
BORDEAUX 1 (Micoud 32) Att: 6,555

JSSIA MONCHENGLADBACH THRASH INJURY-HIT DORTMUND 5-1 . . . FEYENOORD LEAD IN HOLLAND . . .

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

CAEN 0
RENNES 0 Att: 15,928

BORDEAUX 3 (Tholot 46, 90, Papin 68)
LILLE 0 Att: 16,945

GUINGAMP 1 (Wreh 66)
LENS 0 Att: 8,795

MONACO 0
LYON 0 Att: 3,500

MONTPELLIER 2 (Babayoko 29, 75)
LE HAVRE 1 (Samson 7) Att: 6,348

NANCY 0
AUXERRE 0 Att: 8,621

NANTES 0
METZ 1 (Gaillot 4) Att: 10,000

MARSEILLE 1 (Gioria og 78)
NICE 0 Att: 17,000

STRASBOURG 1 (Zitelli 12)
BASTIA 3 (Moravcik 26, Drobnjak 73, 86) Att: 9,159

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

AUXERRE 2 (Laslandes 19, Diomede 38)
NANTES 2 (N'Doram 30, 43) Att: 6,000

BASTIA 4 (Swierczewski 35, 69, Perez 55, Drobnjak 83)
CAEN 2 (Mendy 23, Bancarel 58) Att: 5,000

BORDEAUX 0
GUINGAMP 0 Att: 15,000

LILLE 1 (Boutoille 29)
MARSEILLE 1 (Letchkov 71) Att: 13,034

METZ 1 (Traore 45)
MONTPELLIER 1 (Lefevre 35) Att: 11,349

LYON 3 (Gava 6, Caveglia 32, 53)
CANNES 1 (Bedrossian 85) Att: 15,000

NICE 1 (Chaouch 50)
STRASBOURG 1 (Zitelli 10) Att: 3,977

PARIS SG 4 (Leonardo 17, 83, Rai 35, Anelka 80)
LENS 0 Att: 36,312

RENNES 1 (Wiltord 64)
NANCY 0 Att: 6,727

FRANCE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Paris SG	11	7	4	0	17	3	25
Monaco	11	5	4	2	18	10	19
Bastia	11	5	4	2	17	12	19
Bordeaux	11	4	6	1	11	5	18
Auxerre	11	4	6	1	11	5	18
Metz	11	4	6	1	12	8	18
Lyon	11	4	5	2	14	10	17
Marseille	11	4	4	3	13	11	16
Guingamp	11	4	4	3	10	9	16
Cannes	11	4	4	3	9	9	16
Strasbourg	11	5	1	5	13	15	16
Lille	11	4	4	3	12	15	16
Rennes	11	4	3	4	15	16	15
Lens	11	4	3	4	12	16	15
Montpellier	11	2	5	4	10	14	11
Le Havre	11	2	3	6	8	13	9
Nantes	11	1	5	5	17	17	8
Nice	11	2	2	7	9	21	8
Caen	11	0	5	6	5	15	5
Nancy	11	0	4	7	7	14	4

GERMANY

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

GERMAN CUP - 3RD RND

KARLSRUHE 2 HANSA ROSTOCK 0

DUISBURG 1 LUBECK 0 (*aet*)

FSV ZWICKAU 3 KOLN 1 (*aet*)

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

BORUSSIA MG 3 (Villa 20, Fischer og 24, P. Nielsen 34)
HAMBURG 0 Att: 25,000

SC FREIBURG 1 (Decheiver pen 32)
FORTUNA 2 (Mehlhorn 42, Cyron 52) Att: 22,500

BAYERN MUNICH 1 (Ziege 58)
ARMINIA BIELEFELD 0 Att: 55,000

BAYER LEVERKUSEN 3 (Happe 1, Kirsten 19, 88)
1860 MUNICH 0 Att: 19,000

BOCHUM 3 (Donkov 32, Wosz 72, 82)
KARLSRUHE 1 (Hassler pen 70) Att: 20,000

DUISBURG 0
SCHALKE 1 (Max 45) Att: 25,000

HANSA ROSTOCK 0
BORUSSIA DORTMUND 1 (Julio Cesar 90) Att: 23,500

ST PAULI 0
WERDER BREMEN 3 (A. Herzog 26, M. Bode 42, Labbadia 50) Att: 19,928

STUTTGART 4 (T. Schneider 49, Soldo 51, Elber 72, Balakov 78)
KOLN 0 Att: 53,000

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

FORTUNA 0
HANSA ROSTOCK 2 (Akpoborie 13, Yasser 57) Att: 12,000

WERDER BREMEN 5 (M. Bode 17, A. Herzog 32, Labbadia 38, 56, 67)
BOCHUM 1 (Hutwelker 85) Att: 27,900

ARMINIA BIELEFELD 0
BAYER LEVERKUSEN 1 (Sergio 44) Att: 18,300

BORUSSIA DORTMUND 1 (Herrlich 66)
STUTTGART 1 (Klos og 31) Att: 48,800

KARLSRUHER 1 (Fink 45)
DUISBURG 0 Att: 18,500

KOLN 4 (Oliseh 30, Munteanu 43, Vladoiu 61, Polster 87)
BORUSSIA MG 0 Att: 45,00

SCHALKE 1 (Max 36)
BAYERN MUNICH 1 (Strunz 70) Att: 70,500

1860 MUNICH 4 (Borimirov 57, 76, Nowak 73, B. Winkler 80)
FREIBURG 0 Att: 28,200

HAMBURG 3 (Baron 45, Schopp 47, Breitenreiter 90)
ST PAULI 0 Att: 45,000

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

KARLSRUHE 0
STUTTGART 2 (Berthold 10, Elber 85) Att: 33,500

WEEKEND

DUISBURG 3 (Westerbeek 9, Salou 70, 77)
WERDER BREMEN 2 (Brand 50, Pfeifenberger 88) Att: 13,770

HANSA ROSTOCK 2 (Beinlich pen 19, Studer 23)
1860 MUNICH 4 (Walker 36, Marz og 45, B. Winkler 54, Borimirov 90) Att: 17,000

ARMINIA BIELEFELD 0
SCHALKE 1 (Max 16) Att: 22,212

BAYERN MUNICH 1 (Zickler 19)
KARLSRUHE 0 Att: 63,000

BOCHUM 3 (Baluszynski 17, Mamic 67, Michalke 90)
HAMBURG 1 (Breitenreiter 75) att: 24,135

BORUSSIA MG 5 (Neun 14, Heinrich og 22, Pettersson 32, Effenberg 50, Juskowiak 63)
BORUSSIA DORTMUND 1 (Zorc 42) Att: 34,500

ST PAULI 0
KOLN 0 Att: 19,572

STUTTGART 0
FORTUNA 2 (Joeran 83, 87) Att: 37,000

BAYER LEVERKUSEN 5 (Kirsten 24, Sergio 32, Feldhoff pen 56, Heintze 78, Lehnhoff 84)
FREIBURG 3 (Frey 14, Sutter 68, Wassmer 86) Att: 18,000

GERMANY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
VfB Stuttgart	9	7	1	1	26	8	22
Bayer Leverkusen	9	7	0	3	24	13	21
Bayern Munich	9	6	2	1	16	9	20
Karlsruhe	9	5	1	3	17	11	16
Borussia Dortmund	9	5	1	3	17	14	16
Koln	9	5	1	3	13	10	16
VfL Bochum	9	4	3	2	12	12	15
Werder Bremen	9	4	1	4	19	13	13
Fortuna Dusseldorf	9	4	1	4	6	13	13
Borussia MG	9	3	2	4	10	10	11
1860 Munich	9	3	1	5	13	16	10
Hamburg	9	3	1	5	13	16	10
Schalke	9	2	4	3	9	13	10
Hansa Rostock	9	2	2	5	10	14	8
MSV Duisburg	9	2	2	5	9	14	8
St Pauli	9	2	2	5	11	19	8
Arminia Bielefeld	9	1	3	5	8	13	6
SC Freiburg	9	2	0	7	13	28	6

HOLLAND

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

FORTUNA 2 (Jeffrey 6, Roest 32)
HEERENVEEN 4 (Korneev 15, Hansma 23, Wouden 70, 90) Att: 4,500

AJAX 1 (Frank de Boer 30)
AZ 0 Att: 48,500

FEYENOORD 2 (Larsson 73, Van Gastel 83)
DE GRAAFSCHAP 1 (Schultz 4) Att: 22,422

GRONINGEN 1 (Gorre 62)
RODA JC 1 (Vurens 2) Att: 10,700

UTRECHT 0
FC TWENTE 0 Att: 9,000

VITESSE 1 (Vierklau 86)
SPARTA 1 (Gerard de Nooijer 82) Att: 5,696

VOLENDAM 1 (Jongsma 85)
PSV 3 (Marceloa 19, 47, 56) Att: 4,500

WILLEM II 1 (Van Hintum 70)
RKC 3 (D Schreuder 39, Van Arum 76, 83) Att: 6,145

NAC 1 (Abdellaoui 20)
NEC 1 (Graef 36) Att: 10,716

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

FORTUNA 0
FEYENOORD 2 (Larsson 6, Koeman pen 26) Att: 6,000

HEERENVEEN 0
NAC 1 (Arnold 74) Att: 13,000

UTRECHT 0
GRONINGEN 0 Att: 8,500

AZ 2 (Wijker 54, Durmusoglu 78)
VOLENDAM 1 (Valk 52) Att: 7,080

DE GRAAFSCHAP 4 (Fuchs 21, Viscaal 33, Godee 35, 64)
NEC 0 Att: 7,400

RODA JC 0
AJAX 0 Att: 11,000

SPARTA 1 (Krijgsman 72)
TWENTE 2 (Bosman 41, Ten Caat 51) Att: 3,000

WILLEM II 2 (De Gier 53, Kolkka 70)
VITESSE 1 (Van den Brom 82) Att: 6,225

PSV 4 (Nilis 37, 41, 61, Ejkelkamp 59)
RKC 0 Att: 26,500

WEEKEND

GRONINGEN 1 (Gorre 83)
HEERENVEEN 5 (Hansma 33, Wouden 48, 60, Tomasson 54, Talan 69) Att: 12,320

AZ 0
FORTUNA 1 (Jeffrey 21) Att: 6,940

FEYENOORD 4 (Sanchez 8, Taument 70, Vos 76, Larsson 83)
WILLEM II 1 (Van der Vegt 48) Att: 26,100

RODA JC 3 (Van Hoogdalem 16, Van Houdt 56, Roelofsen 87)
VOLENDAM 0 Att: 6,500

NEC 2 (Graef 18, Janssen 90)
AJAX 0 Att: 12,820

PSV 5 (Eijkelkamp 23, 36, Jonk 48, 72, Degrye 65)
NAC 0 Att: 26,500

SPARTA 3 (Krijgsman 4, Dennis de Noooijer 30, Alflen 74)
UTRECHT 2 (Van Loen 52, Van Burik 78) Att: 4,500

FC TWENTE 1 (Hoogma 62)
DE GRAAFSCHAP 0 Att: 7,000

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

VITESSE 1 (Van Wanrooy 8)
HEERENVEEN 1 (Talan 80) Att: 6,000

FORTUNA 1 (Hamming 31)
UTRECHT 3 (Mols 29, 43, Van Loen 3) Att: 4,500

NAC 1 (MacDonald 60)
AZ 0 Att: 11,458

AJAX 2 (Babangida 23, Litmanen 63)
SPARTA 0 att: 48,200

DE GRAAFSCHAP 2 (Ibrahim 48, Viscaal 69)
PSV 1 (Marcelo 78) Att: 8,500

GRONINGEN 2 (Magno 45, Gorre 51)
NEC 4 (Maes 11, Sumiala 18, Koning 38, Cruden 90) Att: 10,200

RKC 0
RODA JC 2 (Van Houdt 36, Sibon 45) Att: 4,150

FC TWENTE 0
FEYENOORD 1 (Van Gastel 36) Att: 9,300

VOLENDAM 2 (De Bruijn 55, 68)
WILLEM II 1 (Kolkka 14) Att: 3,500

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

HEERENVEEN 1 (Wouden 73)
NEC 1 (Maes 65) Att: 13,100

FORTUNA 1 (Roest 64)
VOLENDAM 1 (De Bruijn 81) Att: 3,000

NAC 0
RODA JC 1 (Vurens 23) Att: 12,121

PSV 0
VITESSE 0 Att: 27,700

SPARTA 0
FEYENOORD 1 (Larsson 46) Att: 13,500

WILLEM II 1 (Van Hintum 90)
FC TWENTE 2 (Petrov 56, Bruggink 88) Att: 8,730

AJAX 1 (Litmanen 57)
DE GRAAFSCHAP 1 (Redeker 82) Att: 48,523

AZ 3 (Hesp 12, Wijker 56, Hooijman 87)
UTRECHT 1 (Mols 5) Att: 7,103

GRONINGEN 1 (Rosen 90)
RKC 2 (Van Arum 30, Alfred Schreuder 66) Att: 10,603

HOLLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Feyenoord	8	6	1	1	16	7	19
PSV Eindhoven	8	5	2	1	23	7	17
Vitesse Arnhem	8	4	3	1	11	6	15
Twente Enschede	8	4	3	1	10	6	15
Roda JC	8	3	4	1	9	4	13
NAC Breda	8	4	1	3	6	9	13
De Graafschap	8	3	3	2	14	10	12
Heerenveen	8	3	3	2	16	11	12
Ajax	8	3	3	2	6	6	12
Fortuna Sittard	8	3	2	3	7	10	11
NEC Nijmegen	8	2	3	3	9	13	9
Sparta Rotterdam	8	2	2	4	6	9	8
FC Utrecht	8	1	4	3	10	12	7
AZ Alkmaar	8	2	1	5	5	8	7
RKC Waalwijk	8	2	1	5	10	16	7
Volendam	8	1	3	4	8	16	6
Groningen	8	1	3	4	7	16	6
Willem II Tilburg	8	1	2	5	8	15	5

ITALY

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

ITALIAN CUP - 2ND RND

NOCERINA 0 PERUGIA 0

WEEKEND

BOLOGNA 1 (Fontolan 35)
LAZIO 0 Att: 31,267

PARMA 3 (Baggio 14, Chiesa 22, Zola 87)
NAPOLI 0 Att: 23,694

AS ROMA 3 (Aldair 11, Balbo 36, Fonseca 72)
PIACENZA 1 (Luisa pen 49) Att: 53,386

UDINESE 0
INTERNAZIONALE 1 (Sforza 10) Att: 25,700

CAGLIARI 2 (Pancaro 3, Muzzi 86)
ATALANTA 0 Att: 15,000

FIORENTINA 2 (Sartor og 35, Oliveira 80)
VINCENZA 4 (Otero 8, 28, 67, pen 90) Att: 36,273

MILAN 4 (Simone 49, 66, Weah 86, Baggio 90)
VERONA 1 (De Vitis 25) Att: 50,000

PERUGIA 1 (Negri 234)
SAMPDORIA 0 Att: 25,000

REGGIANA 1 (Tovalieri 9)
JUVENTUS 1 (Vieri 7) Att: 28,000

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

ATALANTA 2 (Inzaghi pen 58, 63)
FIORENTINA 2 (Oliveira 16, Batistuta 82) Att: 18,000

VERONA 0
BOLOGNA 2 (Kolyvanov 43, Nervo 83) Att: 19,180

INTERNAZIONALE 1 (Zanetti 62)
PERUGIA 0 Att: 50,000

JUVENTUS 2 (Boksic 9, Ferrara 58)
CAGLIARI 1 (Villa 62) Att: 30,000

LAZIO 0
UDINESE 1 (Bia pen 73) Att: 35,000

NAPOLI 1 (Caccia 2)
REGGIANA 0 Att: 50,000

PIACENZA 0
PARMA 0 Att: 16,000

SAMPDORIA 2 (Veron 45, Mancini 77)
MILAN 1 (Weah 13) Att: 30,000

VICENZA 0
AS ROMA 2 (Fonseca 33, Balbo 65) Att: 19,000

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

ITALIAN CUP - 2ND RND

GENOA 2 SAMPDORIA 2

WEEKEND

INTERNAZIONALE 1 (Angloma 40)
LAZIO 1 (Signori 33) Att: 51,994

PARMA 3 (Grun og 11, Chiesa pen 40, Zola 60)
REGGIANA 2 (Sabau 26, Tovalieri 58) Att: 23,700

AS ROMA 1 (Balbo 53)
SAMPDORIA 4 (Aldair og 64, Montella 74, Mancini 88, Montela 90) Att: 59,059

BOLOGNA 1 (Kolyvanov pen 52)
MILAN 2 (Simone 47, Weah 61) Att: 36,693

CAGLIARI 1 (O'Neill 19)
UDINESE 2 (Poggi 9, Bierhoff 23) Att: 14,435

FIORENTINA 2 (Robbiati 6, Batistuta pen 49)
VERONA 0 Att: 35,824

NAPOLI 1 (Caccia 31)
PIACENZA 1 (Luisa 68) Att: 38,799

PERUGIA 1 (Negri 90)
JUVENTUS 2 (Padovano 84, Del Piero 88) Att: 27,524

VICENZA 4 (Viviani 44, Rossini og 45, Beghetto 70, D'Ignazio 86)
ATLANTA 1 (Inzaghi pen 41) Att: 14,163

ITALY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Juventus	4	3	1	0	6	3	10
Milan	4	3	0	1	10	4	9
Internazionale	4	2	2	0	4	2	8
Parma	4	2	1	1	7	4	7
Bologna	4	2	1	1	6	4	7
AS Roma	4	2	1	1	7	6	7
Udinese	4	2	1	1	5	4	7
Napoli	4	2	1	1	3	4	7
Vicenza	4	2	0	2	8	6	6
Sampdoria	4	2	0	2	6	4	6
Piacenza	4	1	2	1	3	4	5
Cagliari	4	1	1	2	6	6	4
Fiorentina	4	1	1	2	6	7	4
Lazio	4	1	1	2	3	4	4
Perugia	4	1	0	3	2	6	3
Reggiana	4	0	2	2	4	6	2
Atalanta	4	0	2	2	4	9	2
Verona	4	0	1	3	3	10	1

PORTUGAL

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

LECA 3 (Constantino pen 13, 24, 34 pen)
LEIRIA 0

MARTIMO 3 (Marcio 29, Jose Carlos 77, Quim Machado og 79)
CHAVES 3 (Milinkovic 27, 35, Dani Diaz 56)

RIO AVE 1 (Baica 49)
SALGUEIROS 1 (Fernando Almeida 70)

FARENSE 1 (Ramos 86)
ESTRELA AMADORA 0

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

SPORTING LISBON 0
FARENSE 0

BOAVISTA 0
ESPINHO 2 (Artur Joge pen 45, Milton Mendes 90)A

GIL VICENTE 0
BENFICA 3 (Helder 27, Artur 74, Edmilson pen 77)

SETUBAL 4 (Paulo Ribeiro 22, 25, Carlos Manuel 44, Ayew 85)
VITORIA GUIMARAES 0

CHAVES 1 (Matute 11)
LECA 0

ESTRELA AMADORA 0
RIO AVE 0

SALGUEIROS 0
MARITIMO 0

SPORTING BRAGA 3 (Toni 20, Pedro Estrela 34, Baltasar 61)
BELENENSES 1 (Calila 88)

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

RIO AVE 3 (Fernando 49, 55, 81)
SPORTING LISBON 4 (Marcos og 6, Yordanov 25, Pedro Barbosa 52, Amunike 65)

BELENENSES 0
ESPINHO 0

BENFICA 5 (Bruno Caires 28, Poao Pinto 39, Hassan 48, Panduru 83, Gustavo 85)
SETUBAL 1 (Paulo Ribeiro 84)

LECA 3 (Alfaia 14, Constantino 18, Cao 34)
SALGUEIROS 1 (Abilio 9)

MARITIMO 2 (Edmilson 35, Alex Bunbury 41)
AMADORA 0

FC PORTO 2 (Edmilson 25, Folha 88)
CHAVES 0

SPORTING BRAGA 4 (Toni 35, 37, Karoglan 80, Leonel 89)
GIL VICENTE 1 (Toni 35)

FARENSE 2 (Braulio 24, Punisic 69)
BOAVISTA 0

GUIMARAES 3 (Marco Freitas 9, Riva 28, Capucho 47)
UNIAO LEIRIA 0

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

SUPER CUP - 2ND LEG

BENFICA 0
FC PORTO 5 (Artur 3, Edmilson 43, Jorge Costa 46, Wetle 57, Drulovic 85)
FC Porto won 6-0 on agg

WEEKEND

SPORTING LISBON 3 (Oceano 20, Sa Pinto 59, Afonso Martins 69)
MARTIMO 0

BOAVISTA 2 (Simic 22, Nuno Gomes 72)
RIO AVE 0

CHAVES 0
GUIMARAES 0

SALGUEIROS 0
FC PORTO 1 (Jadel 63)

AMADORA 1 (Gaucho 68)
LECA 0

GIL VICENTE 1 (Tarcisio 66)
BELENENSES 2 (Madeira 39, Tonanha 62)

ESPINHO 1 (Lino 39)
FARENSE 0

UNIAO LEIRIA 0
BENFICA 2 (Panduru 75, Donizete 87)

VITORIA SETUBAL 1 (Chiquinho Conde 80)
SPORTING BRAGA 1 (Karoglan 70)

PORTUGAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Benfica	5	4	1	0	14	2	13
Sporting	5	4	1	0	11		13
Espinho	6	4	1	1	8	3	13
Braga	5	3	2	0	10	4	11
FC Porto	5	3	2	0	8	2	11
Farense	5	3	1	1	5	2	10
Guimaraes	5	2	1	2	8	8	7
Boavista	5	2	1	2	8	8	7
Leca	5	2	0	3	6	5	6
Setubal	5	1	3	1	8	8	6
Maritimo	6	1	3	2	7	9	6
Salgueiros	5	1	2	2	4	6	5
Amadora	5	1	2	2	1	3	5
Chaves	5	1	2	2	4	8	5
Belenenses	5	1	1	3	6	10	4
Rio Ave	5	0	2	3	4	8	2
Gil Vicente	5	0	1	4	4	13	1
Leiria	5	0	0	5	0	12	0

SCOTLAND

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

COCA-COLA (LEAGUE) CUP - 3RD RND

ALBION ROVERS 0 HIBERNIAN 2

DUNFERMLINE 3 ST MIRREN 1

RANGERS 3 AYR UTD 1

PARTICK THISTLE 1 AIRDRIE 0

ST JOHNSTONE 1 HEARTS 3

MORTON 3 ABERDEEN 7 (*aet*)

ALLOA ATHLETIC 1 CELTIC 5DUNDEE UTD 2 DUNDEE 2 (*aet*)
Dundee won on pens

WEEKEND

CELTIC 5 (McGinlay og 4, Cadete 14, 45, O'Neil 51, Van Hooijdonk 72)
HIBERNIAN 0 Att: 47,042

HEARTS 1 (Robertson pen 74)
DUNDEE UTD 0 Att: 11,848

KILMARNOCK 2 (Wright 44, 56 pen)
DUNFERMLINE 2 (Britton 39, 87) Att: 6,623

MOTHERWELL 0
RANGERS 1 (Gough 39) Att: 12,288

RAITH ROVERS 1 (Bonar 3)
ABERDEEN 4 (Windass 11, Doddgs pen 19, 26, 84 pen) Att: 5,055

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

DUNFERMLINE 2 (Tod 54, Smith 62)
HEARTS 1 (Weir 2) Att: 7,787

WEEKEND

ABERDEEN 3 (Kombouare 47, Dodds 66, 75)
KILMARNOCK 0 Att: 12,000

DUNDEE UTD 1 (McSwegan 87)
CELTIC 2 (Van Hooijdonk 45, Mackay 89) Att: 12,152

DUNFERMLINE 1 (Clark 5)
MOTHERWELL 1 (May 57) Att: 5,687

RANGERS 3 (Durie 40, Gascoigne 48, McCoist 81)
HEARTS 0 Att: 47,240

HIBERNIAN 1 (Kirk og 54)
RAITH ROVERS 0 Att: 8,671

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

COCA-COLA (LEAGUE) CUP - QUARTER-FINALS

DUNDEE 2 ABERDEEN 1

DUNFERMLINE 2 PARTICK TH 0

RANGERS 4 HIBERIAN 0

HEARTS 1 CELTIC 0 (*aet*)

WEEKEND

CELTIC 5 (Cadete 32, Di Canio 35, 41, Van Hooijdonk 72, 89)
DUNFERMLINE 1 (Briton 65) Att: 50,032

HEARTS 1 (Weir 58)
MOTHERWELL 1 (Arnott 46) Att: 10,932

KILMARNOCK 1 (Reilly 19)
RANGERS 4 (Gascoigne pen 68, 76, Van Vossen 84, 86) Att: 14,812

RAITH ROVERS 3 (Taylor 5, 60, Twaddle 86)
DUNDEE UTD 2 (McSwegan 2, Hannah 38) Att: 5,077

SCOTLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rangers	7	7	0	0	17	3	21
Celtic	7	5	1	1	21	8	16
Aberdeen	7	3	2	2	15	8	11
Motherwell	7	2	4	1	9	6	10
Hearts	7	3	1	3	9	13	10
Hibernian	7	3	1	3	6	10	10
Dunfermline	7	2	3	2	11	15	9
Dundee Utd	7	1	1	5	5	9	4
Kilmarnock	7	1	1	5	8	17	4
Raith	7	1	0	6	6	18	

SPAIN

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

SUPER CUP - 2ND LEG

ATLETICO MADRID 3 (Sergi og 32, Esnaider 65, Pantic 75)
BARCELONA 1 (Stoichkov 58) Att: 10,000
Barcelona won 6-5 on agg

WEEKEND

LA CORUNA 1 (Martins 22)
REAL MADRID 1 (Naybet og 79) Att: 35,000

ATLETICO MADRID 2 (Esnaider 46, Kiko 49)
CELTA VIGO 0 Att: 50,000

HERCULES 2 (Alfaro pen 26, Pavlicic 80)
EXTREMADURA 1 (Tirado 82) Att: 12,000

SANTANDER 3 (Ferreira og 45, Alvaro 47, Zalazar 80)
VALENCIA 2 (Vlaovic 33, Romario 41) Att: 16,000

RAYO VALLECANO 1 (Klimowicz 90)
REAL VALLADOLID 2 (Peternac 49, Victor 67 Att: 6,500

BETIS 3 (Finidi 15, Rios 45, Sabas 85)
ATHLETICO BILBAO 0 Att: 45,000

REAL OVIEDO 2 (Oli 67, Toni Velamazan 86)
BARCELONA 4 (Stoichkov 47, 50, Luis Enrique 74, 89) Att: 21,000

REAL SOCIEDAD 1 (Imaz 33)
SEVILLA 0 Att: 20,000

REAL ZARAGOZA 2 (Poyet 19, 48)
LOGRONES 2 (Manel 55, 85) Att: 18,000

TENERIFE 6 (Jokanovic 11, Pinilla 18, Rojas 32, Chano 69, Neuville 81, Juanele 84)
COMPOSTELA 0 Att: 18,000

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

ESPANYOL 2 (Benitez 16, Uuedec pen 40)
SPORTING GIJON 3 (Villaroya 67, Vekasci 81, Bango 90) Att: 15,000

WEEKEND

BARCELONA 2 (Giovanni 84, Pizzi 90)
ESPANYOL 1 (Lardin 70) Att: 90,000

COMPOSTELA 3 (Nacho 27, Ohen 64, Viedma 90)
ATLETICO MADRID1 (Esnaider 45) Att: 12,000

LOGRONES 0
TENERIFE 1 (Felipe 12) Att: 10,000

VALENCIA 0
REAL SOCIEDAD 1 (Kovacevic 19) Att: 42,000

ATHLETIC BILBAO 3 (Carlos Gacia 50, Ciganda 67, Jose Mari 74)
RAYO VALLECANO 2 (Guilherme 39, Ameli 72) Att: 35,000

CELTA VIGO 1 (Sanchez 87)
LA CORUNA 1 (Tarroga og 18) Att: 26,000

REAL MADRID 3 (Mijatovic 16, Raul 29, 75)
HERCULES 0 Att: 70,000

REAL VALLADOLID 0
REAL OVIEDO 1 (Toni Velamazan 90) Att: 18,000

SEVILLA 1 (Mornar 90)
REAL ZARAGOZA 2 (Lopez 42, Morientes 48) Att: 46,992

SPORTING GIJON 0
RACING SANTANDER 1 (Alvaro 34) Att: 20,000

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

EXTREMADURA 0
BETIS 3 (Alfonso 57, Pier 80, Jarni 87) Att: 9,000

WEEKEND

REAL ZARAGOZA 1 (Aguado 8)
VALENCIA 1 (Moya 45) Att: 18,000

ATLETICO MADRID 0
LA CORUNA 2 (Rivaldo 53, Martins 75) Att: 30,000

COMPOSTELA 1 (Fabiano 34)
LOGRONES 2 (Baltierra 43, Manel 90) Att: 8,500

ESPANYOL 1 (Benitez 13)
REAL VALLADOLID 0 Att: 20,000

HERCULES 0
CELTA VIGO 2 (Merino 5, Ratkovic pen 20)

RACING SANTANDER 1 (Correa 75)
BARCELONA 1 (Ronaldo 30) Att: 21,000

RAYO VALLECANO 3 (Andrijasevic pen 40, 45, Guilherme 61)
EXTREMADURA 0 Att: 5,000

REAL OVIEDO 2 (Oli 61, Paulo Bento 89)
ATHLETIC BILBAO 0 Att: 13,000

REAL SOCIEDAD 1 (Kovacevic 3)
SPORTING GIJON 1 (Tomas 30) Att: 19,000

TENERIFE 0
SEVILLA 2 (Salva 35, 74) Att: 20,000

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

BETIS 1 (Alfonso 28)
REAL MADRID 1 (Roberto Carlos 46) Att: 47,000

WEEKEND

ATHLETIC BILBAO 2 (Larrazabal pen 20, Bolo 46)
ESPANYOL 2 (Luis pen 54, Pochettino 81) Att: 30,000

LOGRONES 0
ATLETICO MADRID 3 (Bejbl 29, Esnaider 45, Kiko 68) Att: 12,000

REAL VALLADOLID 3 (Sanchez 10, Victor 53, Soto 90)
RACING SANTANDER 0 Att: 20,000

VALENCIA 2 (Romero 65, Romario 70)
TENERIFE 1 (Kodro 73) Att: 45,000

BARCELONA 3 (Ronaldo 1, 89, Pizzi 74)
REAL SOCIEDAD 2 (Albistegui 55, Kovacevic pen 90) Att: 85,000

CELTA VIGO 0
BETIS 2 (Alexis 46, Olias 90) Att: 20,000

LA CORUNA 4 (Rivaldo pen 6, 44, Martins 18, Martin Vazquez 59)
HERCULES 0 Att: 25,000

EXTREMADURA 0
REAL OVIEDO 2 (Oli 12, Paulo Bento 32) Att: 7,000

REAL MADRID 1 (Raul 40)
RAYO VALLECANO 0 Att: 90,000

SPORTING GIJON 2 (Nikiforov 19, Julio Salinas 29)
REAL ZARAGOZA 0 Att: 19,350

SPAIN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Real Madrid	6	4	2	0	11	4	14
Barcelona	6	4	2	0	16	10	14
Real Betis	6	4	1	1	11	3	13
La Coruna	6	3	3	0	11	4	12
Real Sociedad	6	3	2	1	8	5	11
Tenerife	6	3	1	2	15	5	10
Logrones	6	3	1	2	7	7	10
Racing Santander	6	3	1	2	8	9	10
Atletico Madrid	5	3	0	2	9	5	9
Real Oviedo	6	3	0	3	10	10	9
Real Valladolid	6	2	2	2	6	4	8
Sporting Gijon	6	2	2	2	7	11	8
Rayo Vallecano	6	2	1	3	11	7	7
Espanyol	6	2	1	3	11	10	7
Valencia	6	2	1	3	8	7	7
Celta Vigo	6	2	1	3	6	8	7
Athletic Bilbao	6	2	1	3	8	13	7
Compostela	6	2	1	3	6	14	7
Real Zaragoza	6	1	3	2	9	12	6
Sevilla	5	1	0	4	2	6	3
Hercules	6	1	0	5	2	14	3
Extremadura	6	0	0	6	3	17	0

SWITZERLAND

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

BASEL 2 (La Placa 4, Frick pen 88)
LUCERNE 2 (Sermeter 33, Wolf 78) Att: 7,500

WEEKEND

NEUCAHTEL XAMAX 2 (Sandjak 72, Bonalair 79)
AARAU 0 Att: 7,200

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

ST GALLEN 1 (Allenspach pen 7)
AARAU 1 (De Napoli 40) Att: 6,500

SERVETTE 2 (Pouget 7, 33)
LUGANO 0 Att: 3,600

BASEL 2 (Frick 30, Giallanza 90)
LAUSANNE 4 (Udovic 32, Sane 40, Douglas 76, 84) Att: 7,500

GRASSHOPPERS 0
NEUCHATEL XAMAX 0 Att: 4,800

SION 2 (Milton 80, Lukic 89)
LUCERNE 0 Att: 9,000

YOUNG BOYS 1 (Baumann 82)
ZURICH 2 (Nonda 9, Nixon 79) Att: 3,600

WEEKEND

AARAU 1 (Georgiev 82)
SERVETTE 1 (Ippoliti 87) Att: 3,700

LAUSANNE 2 (Udovic 23, Douglas 83)
ST GALLEN 0 Att: 4,600

LUGANO 0
GRASSHOPPERS 0 Att: 2,500

LUCERNE 2 (Fink 56, Moser 88)
YOUNG BOYS 1 (Okolosi 23) Att: 7,500

ZURICH 1 (Mazzarelli 77)
BASEL 1 (Giallanza 38) Att: 10,500

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 15 SEPTEMBER

WEEKEND

BASEL 2 (Armentano 18, Nyarko 24)
AARAU 0 Att: 7,000

LUCERNE 3 (Sawu 4, 55, Muller 89)
ZURICH 0 Att: 9,600

ST GALLEN 1 (Dittgen 27)
LUGANO 1 (Ramondetta 81) Att: 6,000

SERVETTE 0
NEUCHATEL XAMAX 0 Att: 5,300

YOUNG BOYS 0
LAUSANNE 1 (Udovic 50) Att: 3,650

WEEK ENDING SUNDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

MIDWEEK

SWISS CUP - 3RD RND

GRENCHEN 0 LUCERNE 3

LOCARNO 0 LUGANO 3

MONTREUX 0 SERVETTE 2

RORSBACH 0 ST GALLEN 4

DELEMONT 1 YOUNG BOYS 2

ST NYONNAIS 1 LAUSANNE 8

UZWIL 0 FC ZURICH 10

MUNSINGEN 1 BASEL 3 *(aet)*

GRASSHOPPERS 2 SION 2

WEEKEND

AARAU 2 (Roembiak pen 32, Kirik 48)
ZURICH 1 (Andersen 82) Att: 3,§100

GRASSHOPPERS 2 (Gren 34, M. Yakin 81)
SERVETTE 1 (Pouget 10) Att: 3,200

LAUSANNE 2 (Rehn 54, Sane 78)
LUCERNE 2 (D Wyss 17, Sermeter 22) Att: 5,000

LUGANO 2 (Karic 17, Fiechter 90)
YOUNG BOYS 1 (Ivanov 24) Att: 1,550

NEUCAHTEL 3 (Lesniak 18, Kunz 19, Gigon 43)
BASEL 3 (La Placa 36, Giallanza 55, Frick 67) Att: 7,200

SION 3 (Wicky 16, Zambaz 46, Lukic 81)
ST GALLEN 1 (Contini 7) Att: 8,000

SWITZERLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Neuchatel Xamax	14	8	4	2	20	14	28
Lausanne	14	8	3	3	28	17	27
Sion	13	6	5	2	23	15	23
Grasshopper	14	5	7	2	21	15	22
St Gallen	14	5	6	3	10	12	21
Aarau	13	5	3	5	13	11	18
Basle	14	4	6	4	25	21	18
FC Zurich	14	4	6	4	16	17	18
Lucerne	14	3	7	4	19	21	16
Servette	14	3	5	6	15	18	14
Lugano	14	2	6	6	10	21	12
Young Boys	14	1	0	13	9	27	3

EUROPEAN TABLES

ALBANIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Flamurtari	4	4	0	0	8	1	12
Tirana	4	3	1	0	11	0	10
Skenderbeu	4	3	0	1	5	4	9
Apollonia	4	2	2	0	8	2	8
Shkumbini	4	2	1	1	5	2	7
Olimpik	4	2	0	2	5	5	6
Partizani	4	2	0	2	3	3	6
Vllaznia	4	2	0	2	4	5	6
Bylis	4	2	0	2	3	6	6
Albpetrol	4	2	0	2	4	8	6
Besa	4	1	2	1	4	3	5
Tomorri	4	1	2	1	2	2	5
Laci	4	1	1	2	2	2	4
Shqiponja	4	1	1	2	2	4	4
Teuta	4	1	0	3	2	5	3
Albania Tabak	4	1	0	3	2	6	3
Lushnja	4	0	1	3	2	7	1
Elbasani	4	0	1	3	1	8	1

Lushnja banned from playing 10 matches on their home ground after a ref was hit by a stone

FINLAND

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Finnpa	25	11	9	5	32	20	42
Jazz	25	11	8	6	43	32	41
TPS	25	12	5	8	36	32	41
Mypa	25	12	3	10	44	38	39
Jaro	25	11	5	9	32	22	38
Inter	25	11	5	9	26	25	38

BULGARIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Levski Sofia	7	6	1	0	23	4	19
CSKA	7	6	0	1	15	6	18
Lokomotiv Sofia	7	4	2	1	15	9	14
Etur	7	4	0	3	12	12	12
Slavia	7	3	2	2	10	6	11
Neftohimik	7	3	2	2	9	8	11
Lokomotiv Plovdiv	7	3	1	3	7	7	10
Spartak Pleven	7	3	1	3	9	12	10
Maritsa	7	2	3	2	11	12	9
Minyor	7	3	0	4	6	10	9
Montana	7	2	2	3	8	8	8
Levski Kyustendil	7	2	1	4	14	17	7
Botev	7	2	1	4	5	9	7
Spartak Varna	7	2	1	4	5	11	7
Dobrudzha	7	1	3	3	5	8	6
Rakovski	7	0	0	7	4	19	0

CROATIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Croatia	7	7	0	0	26	4	21
Hajduk	7	5	1	1	16	4	16
Cibalia	7	5	0	2	13	12	15
Hrvatski Dragovoljac	7	5	2	1	15	8	14
Zagreb	7	3	3	1	13	8	12
Segesta	7	2	5	0	9	5	11
Mladost	7	2	3	2	9	6	9
Zadarkomerc	7	2	3	2	7	7	9
Rijeka	7	2	2	3	6	9	8
Osijek	7	2	1	4	10	10	7
Orijent	7	1	4	2	8	13	7
Istra	7	1	3	3	6	9	6
Sibenik	7	1	3	3	3	8	6
Varteks	7	1	2	4	4	12	5
Marsonia	7	1	1	5	2	20	4
Inker	7	0	1	6	5	17	1

CZECH REPUBLIC

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Boby Brno	7	5	1	1	13	6	16
Kaucuk Opava	7	4	3	0	8	3	15
Slovan Liberec	7	3	3	1	9	6	12
Petra Drnovice	7	3	2	2	17	12	11
FK Jablonec	7	3	2	2	7	4	11
FK Teplice	7	3	2	2	7	8	11
Banik Ostrava	7	2	4	1	11	7	10
Slavia Prague	7	2	3	2	13	8	9
Sigma Olomouc	7	2	3	2	10	6	9
Viktoria Plzen	7	2	3	2	6	8	9
FC Karvina	7	2	2	3	8	15	8
Ceske Budejovice	7	1	3	3	4	8	6
SK Hradec Kralove	7	1	3	3	6	11	6
Bohemians Prague	7	1	2	4	6	11	5
Viktoria Zizkov	7	1	2	4	6	13	5
Sparta Prague	7	0	4	3	9	12	4

DENMARK

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brondby	11	8	2	1	21	9	26
Alborg	11	8	1	2	24	13	25
Arhus	11	6	1	4	32	18	19
Herfolge	11	5	1	5	8	12	16
Vejle	11	3	5	3	17	13	14
Lyngby	11	4	2	5	17	21	14
Odense	10	4	1	5	14	18	13
Viborg	11	3	3	5	13	19	12
Kobenhavn	11	2	5	4	13	16	11
Hvidovre	11	2	4	5	11	14	10
Silkeborg	10	2	4	4	12	19	10
AB	11	1	5	5	12	22	8

HUNGARY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
MTK	9	9	0	0	28	6	27
Ujpest TE	9	7	1	1	23	7	22
Ferencvaros	9	7	1	1	19	10	22
Vasas	9	6	2	1	14	6	20
Debrecen	9	6	1	2	22	10	19
Haladas	9	4	2	3	14	8	14
Kispest	9	4	2	3	16	14	14
Gyor	9	4	2	3	8	12	14
Videoton	9	3	3	3	11	9	12
BVSC	9	3	2	4	11	11	11
ZTE	9	3	1	5	11	17	10
Bekescsaba	9	2	3	4	12	13	9
TVE	9	2	2	5	11	20	8
Vac	9	2	1	6	12	18	7
Csepel	9	0	5	4	7	15	5
Stadler FC	9	1	2	6	4	15	5
Siofok	9	1	1	7	3	18	4
Pecs	9	1	1	7	6	23	4

Name of Parmalat Fehervar FC has been changed to Videoton

NORWAY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rosenborg	24	17	5	2	77	22	56
Viking Stavanger	24	11	7	6	47	25	40
SK Brann	24	11	7	6	58	44	40
Tromso	24	11	6	7	43	38	39
Lillestroem	23	10	7	6	44	33	37
Stabaek	24	8	9	7	44	40	33
Molde	24	9	5	10	42	32	32
Kongsvinger	24	9	5	10	32	43	32
Skeid Oslo	24	10	2	12	31	51	32
Bodo/Glimt	24	8	4	12	37	47	28
Valerengen	24	6	8	10	28	37	26
Stroemsgodset	24	7	5	12	34	56	26
Moss	24	6	7	11	25	45	25
IK Start	23	4	3	16	32	61	15

RUSSIA

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rotor Volgograd	30	19	6	5	55	24	63
Alania Vladikavkaz	30	19	6	5	56	32	63
Spartak Moscow	30	19	8	4	60	28	62
Dynamo Moscow	30	18	7	5	50	26	61
CSKA Moscow	30	18	6	6	52	29	60
Lok. Moscow	30	13	10	7	39	26	49
Lokomotiv NN	30	12	6	12	32	41	42
Torpedo Moscow	30	10	11	9	36	37	41
Zenit	30	12	4	14	29	32	40
Soviet Wings	30	10	8	12	25	35	38
Baltika	30	9	10	11	33	32	37
Zhemchuzhina	30	9	4	17	31	50	34
Rostselmash	30	9	7	14	49	52	34
Chernomorets	30	9	5	16	30	46	32
Kamaz Chelny	30	7	6	17	33	49	27
Uralmash	30	6	9	15	34	52	27
Tekstilshchik	30	3	11	16	21	39	20
Lada Toliatti	30	4	6	20	17	49	18

SWEDEN

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
IFK Gothenburg	23	14	5	4	49	20	47
Helsingborg	23	12	5	6	34	20	41
Malmo	23	10	7	6	26	23	37
AIK Stockholm	23	10	6	7	30	19	36
Halmstad	23	9	7	7	29	29	34
IFK Norrkoping	23	9	6	8	30	25	33
Orebro	23	10	3	10	28	27	33
Degerfors	23	9	6	8	31	36	33
Oster	23	9	4	10	32	35	31
Orgryte	23	8	5	10	27	28	29
Trelleborg	23	8	3	12	31	41	27
Djurgarden	23	7	3	13	23	35	24
Umea	23	6	6	11	28	43	24
Oddevold	23	5	4	14	18	35	19

TURKEY

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Trabzonspor	7	5	1	1	15	5	16
Galatasaray	7	5	1	1	11	6	16
Fenerbahce	7	5	0	2	22	6	15
Besiktas	7	4	2	1	19	6	14
Bursaspor	7	4	2	1	8	4	14
Samsunspor	7	4	2	1	11	9	14
Kocaelispor	7	3	3	1	9	6	12
Altay	7	3	1	3	8	11	10
Gaziantep	7	2	3	2	8	7	9
Istanbulspor	7	2	2	3	6	7	8
Genclerbirligi	7	2	2	3	6	8	8
Sariyer	7	2	2	3	8	13	8
Antalyaspor	7	2	1	4	4	9	7
Vanspor	7	2	1	4	6	14	7
Ankaragucu	7	2	0	5	8	12	6
Denizlispor	7	1	2	4	7	11	5
Dardanelspor	7	1	2	4	4	12	5
Zeytinburnuspor	7	0	1	6	5	19	1

UKRAINE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kiev Dynamo	10	7	1	2	23	7	22
Chornomorets	10	7	1	2	19	9	22
Dnipro	10	6	3	1	20	8	21
Vorskla	10	6	3	1	17	8	21
Shaktyor Donetsk	10	5	2	3	16	9	17
Karpaty Lvov	10	5	2	3	13	8	17
Zirka-Nibas	10	5	1	4	9	14	16
Metalurg	10	4	3	3	13	10	15
Nyva Ternopil	9	4	0	5	8	13	12
Torpedo	10	3	2	5	10	13	11
CSKA	10	3	2	5	8	11	11
Tavria	10	3	1	6	8	16	10
Nyva Vinnytsya	9	2	3	4	5	14	9
Kryvbas	10	2	1	7	9	17	7
Kremin	10	2	1	7	6	19	7
Prykarpattya	10	1	2	7	8	20	5

CUP-WINNERS CUP

QUALIFICATION RND, 1ST LEG
(Aug 8)

CHEMLON HUMENNE (Slovak) 1 (Lyubarsky 71)
FLAMURTARI (Alb) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Sedlacek (Aut)

CONSTRUCTORUL CHISINAU (Mol) 1 (Rogachev 20)
HAPOEL IRONI RISHON (Isr) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Tokat (Tur)

DYNAMO BATUMI (Geo) 6 (Tugushi 11, 23, 55, Udmadzhuridze 27, 70, 88)
HB TORSHAVN (Fi) 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 6,400. **Ref:** Saar (Est)

GLENTORAN (NI) 1 (Little 53)
SPARTA PRAGUE (Cze) 2 (Siegl 49, Lokvenc 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,200. **Ref:** Sammut (Mal)

KARABAKH AGDAM (Aze) 0
MyPa (Fin) 1 (Makhlio 85)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 11,500. **Ref:** Frassolis (Gre)

KISPEST HONVED (Hun) 1 (Toth 11)
SLOGA JUGOMAGNAT SKOPJE (Mac) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,500. **Ref:** Tatulyan (Ukr)

KOTAIK ABOVIAN (Arm) 1 (Berberyan 80)
AEK LARNACA (Cyp) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Braga (Lat)

LLANSANTFFRAID (Wal) 1 (Gesior 83 og)
RUCH CHORZOW (Pol) 1 (Gesior 6)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,558. **Ref:** Olafsson (Ice)

MPKC MOZYR (Bls) 2 (Yaromko 51, Skorobogatko 70)
REYKJAVIK (Ice) 2 (Dadasson 88, Jonsson 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,500. **Ref:** Ancion (Bel)

OLIMPIJA LJUBLJANA (Sloven) 1 (Bozgo 50)
LEVSKI SOFIA (Bul) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Kowalczyk (Pol)

RED STAR BELGRADE (Yug) 0
HEARTS (Sco) 0
Att: 30,000. **Ref:** Albrecht (Ger)

SADAM TALLINN (Est) 2 (Krolov 25 pen, Viikmae 74)
NIVA VINNITSA (Ukr) 1 (Romanrsjoek 77)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 700. **Ref:** Choediev (Aze)

SHELBOURNE (Ire) 1 (Geoghegan 43)
BRANN BERGEN (Nor) 3 (Njelde 37, Lundekvam 29, Eftevaag 67pen)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Melo Pereira (Por)
Campbell (Shelbourne) sent off, 67min.

SION (Swi) 4 (Chassot 14, Bonvin 27, Pancev 36, Vercruysse 90)
KAREDA SIAULIAI (Lit) 2 (Baranauskas 73, Dancenko 89)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 6,200. **Ref:** Kollari (Alb)

UNIVERSITATE (Lat) 1 (Zareis 43)
VADUZ (Lie) 1 (Peres 38)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 500. **Ref:** Malagoeradze (Geo)

VALLETTA (Mal) 1 (Donic 75)
GLORIA BYSTRICA (Rom) 2 (Iftodi 52, Dancus 67)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Young (Sco)

VARTEKS VARAZDIN (Cro) 2 (Mumlek 41, Maretic 81)
US LUXEMBOURG (Lux) 1 (Gretinich 87)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Krula (Cze)

QUALIFICATION RND, 2ND LEG
(Aug 22 unless stated)

KR REYKJAVIK (Ice) 1 (Einar Danielsson 90)
MPCC MOZYR (Bls) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,950 (Aug 21). **Ref:** Kjelbrott (Nor)
Reykjavik won 3-2 on agg

AEK LARNACA (Cyp) 5 (Kudic 28, Alexandrou 41, Kovasevic 60 pen, Kopunovic 82, Markou 84)
KOTAIK ABOVIAN (Arm) 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Klein (Isr)
AEK won 5-1 on agg

BRANN BERGEN (Nor) 2 (Mjelde 10, Pedersen 72)
SHELBOURNE (Ire) 1 (Rutherford 5)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 2,189. **Ref:** K. Zuidema (Hol)
Brann Bergen won 5-2 on agg
Brann: Christenson - Brendesaether, Eftevaag, Lundekvam, Helland, J Pedersen, Bakkerud, M. Pedersen, Flo (Karlsbakk 87), Moelde, Gylfason.
Shelbourne: Gough - Costello, D Geoghegan, Neville, Rutherford, Vaudequin, Flood, O'Rourke, Sheridan, S. Geoghegan, Tilson.

FLAMURTARI VLORA (Alb) 0
CHEMLON HUMENNE (Slovak) 2 (Lubarskij 50, Vulkacak 54)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,500. **Ref:** Juhos (Hun)
Chemlon won 3-0 on agg

GLORIA BISTRITA (Rom) 2 (Lazar 31, Voica 82)
VALLETTA (Mal) 1 (Agius 22)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Ulrich (Cze)
Gloria won 4-2 on agg

HAPOEL IRONI RISHON (Isr) 3 (Sabag 10, Kapetta 26, Sibola 58)
CONSTRUCTUROL (Mol) 2 (Rogachev 42, Skiden 87)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Ansuategui Roca (Spa)
Agg: 3-3, Constructurol won on away goals

HAVNAR BOLTFELAG (FI) 0
DYNAMO BATUMI (Geo) 3 (Glonti 20, 21, Ujmajuridze 63)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 800. **Ref:** Pulkkinen (Fin)
Batumi won 9-0 on agg

HEARTS (Sco) 1 (McPherson 44)
RED STAR BELGRADE (Yug) 1 (Marinovic 59)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,062. **Ref:** K Nilsson (Swe)
Agg: 1-1, Red Star on away goals
Hearts: Rousset - Cameron, Colquhoun, Bruno (Thomas 78), Pointon, Fulton, Mackay (Robertson 84), McCann, McPherson, Ritchie, Weir.
Red Star: Milosevic - Zivkovic, Djorovic, Njegus, P. Stankovic, Marinovic, Ognjenovic (Sakic 76), Anic, Jovicic, D. Stankovic (Vanic 85), Boskovic (Vulevic 46).

KAREDA SIAULIAI (Lit) 0

SION (Swi) 0
Att: 5,000. **Ref:** Gerner (Den)
Sion won 4-2 on agg

LEVSKI SOFIA (Bul) 1 (Simeonov 58)
OLIMPIJA LJUBLJANA (Sloven) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Benedik (Slovak)
Agg: 1-1, Olimpija won 4-2 on pens, aet

MyPa (Fin) 1 (Keskitalo 119)
KARABAKH AGDAM (Aze) 1 (Musaiev 27)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 500. **Ref:** Hauge (Nor)
MyPa won 2-1 on agg, aet

NYVA VINNITSA (Ukr) 1 (Romanchuk 66)
SADAM TALLINN (Est) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Kazarian (Arm)
Agg: 2-2, Vinnitsa won on away goals

RUCH CHORZOW (Pol) 5 (Bak 1, 55, Arwel Jones 47 og, Bak 62, 63)
LLANSANTFFRAID (Wal) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,700. **Ref:** Giownw (Cro)
Ruch Chorzow won 6-1 on agg
Ruch: Lech - Gesior, A. Bak, Masor, Gaca, Gesior, Srutwa, Grzdsik, M. Bak, Pieniazek, Mizia.
Llansantffraid: Mulliner - J Whelan (C Whelan 61), Curtiss, Brown (Davies 57), Arwel Jones, Thomas, Adrian Jones, Evans, Morgan (G Jones 61), Edwards, Abercrombie.

SLOGA JUGOMAGNAT SKOPJE (Mac) 0
KISPEST HONVED (Hun) 1 (Ghinda 81)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Nicchi (Ita)
Kispest Honved won 2-0 on agg

SPARTA PRAGUE (Cze) 8 (Gunda 1, 25, Mistr 19, Siegl 24, 48, 80, Z Svoboda 78, Gabriel 86)
GLENTORAN (NI) 0
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Radoman (Yug)
Sparta won 10-1 on agg
Sparta: Ondruska - Hornak, Gabrel, Repka, Novotny, Mistr, Frydek, Z Svoboda, Gunda, Lokvenc, Siegl.
Glentoran: Armstrong - Quigley (Elliott 85), M. Smith, Parker, Devine, Walker (Housten 57), Finley*, Mathieson (Kirk 68), T. Smith, Batey, McBride.
** = Finley sent off, 29min.*

US LUXEMBOURG (Lux) 0
VARTEKS VARAZDIN (Cro) 3 (Beser 63, Mumler 78 pen, Cvetko 87)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 800. **Ref:** Beck (Lie)
Varteks won 5-1 on agg

VADUZ (Lie) 1 (Polverino 90)
RAF RIGA (Lat) 1 (Zarins 47)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 750. **Ref:** Danilovski (Mac)
Agg: 2-2, Vaduz won 4-2 on pens

1ST RND, 1ST LEG (Sep 12)

AEK ATHENS 1 (Batista 45)
CHEMLON HUMENNE 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000

AGF AARHUS 1 (Bak 15)
OLIMPIJA LJUBLJANA 1 (Bozgo 57)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,900

BARCELONA 2 (Ronaldo 18, 77)
AEK LARNACA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 35,000 (*at Montjuic*)

BENFICA 5 (Osmar Donizeti 24, Joao Pinto 25, Jamir Gomes 35, Valdo 68, 90)
RUCH CHORZOW 1 (Dariusz Gesior 71)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 17,000

KR REYKJAVIK 0
AIK STOCKHOLM 1 (Krister Nordin 80)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,500

CERCLE BRUGES 3 (Gernsoe 6, Vanmaele 27, Cameman 32)
BRANN BERGEN 2 (T A Flo 38, Eftevaag 90 pen)
HT: 3-1. **Att:** 3,500

CONSTRUCTORUL CHISINAU 0
GALATASARAY 1 (Knup 73)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,000

DYNAMO BATUMI 1 (Mudjiri 21)
PSV EINDHOVEN 1 (Nilis 39 pen)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 20,000

GLORIA BISTRITA 1 (Lazar 3)
FIORENTINA 1 (Batistuta 47)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000

KAISERSLAUTERN 1 (Wegmann 59)
RED STAR BELGRADE 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 26,000

LOKOMOTIV MOSCOW 1 (Cherevchenko 12)
VARTEKS VARADZIN 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000

MyPa-47 0
LIVERPOOL 1 (Bjornebye 61)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,500. **Ref:** G Orrason (Ice)
MyPa-47: Jakonen - Viljanen, Moore, Mahlio, Pohja, Keskitalo (Enberg 68), Gronholm (Kangaskorpi 79), Jukka Koskinen, Hernesniemi, Huttunen, Allen (Jalonen 73).
Liverpool: James - McAteer, Wright, Babb, McManaman, Collymore, Fowler, Barnes, Thomas, Bjornebye, Matteo.

NIMES 3 (Jeunechamp 64, Prejet 75, Meilhac 87)
KISPEST-HONVED 1 (M Toth 69)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 9,000

SION 2 (Colombo 50, Bonvin 85)
NIVA VINNITZA 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,500

STURM GRAZ 2 (Vastic 8, Maehlich 85)
SPARTA PRAGUE 2 (Repka 57, Lokvenc 72)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000

FC VADUZ 0
PARIS SAINT-GERMAIN 4 (Le Guen 12, Dely Valdes 40, Leonardo 44, Allou 73)
HT: 0-3. **Att:** 1,900 (*in Eschen*)

1ST RND, 2ND LEG (Sep 26)

AEK LARNACA 0
BARCELONA 0
Att: 6,000
Barcelona won 2-0 on agg

AIK STOCKHOLM 1 (Simpson 80)
FC REJKAVIK 1 (Benediktsson 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,267
AIK won 2-1 on aggregate

BRANN BERGEN 4 (Mjelde 5, 82, Eftevaag 79, Helland 88)
CERCLE BRUGES 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,104
Brann won 6-3 on agg

CHEMLON HUMENNE 1 (Dina 1)
AEK ATHENS 2 (Nikolaidis 19, Batista 44)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 14,700
AEK won 3-1 on agg

FIORENTINA 1 (Orlando 22)
GLORIA BISTRITA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000
Fiorentina won 2-1 on agg

GALATASARAY 4 (Hakan Sukur 49, 80, Arif Erdem 7, Hagi 75)
CONSTRUCTUROL CHISINAU 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000
Galatasaray won 5-0 on agg

KISPEST HONVED 1 (Piroska 61)
NIMES 2 (Ecker 6, Sabin 38)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 6,000
Nimes won 5-2 on agg

LIVERPOOL 3 (Berger 18, Collymore 59, Barnes 78)
MyPa-47 1 (Keskitalo 64)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 39,013
Liverpool won 4-1 on agg
Liverpool: James - McAteer, Wright (Scales 19), Babb, McManaman, Collymore, Barnes, Berger (Redknapp 79), Thomas, Bjornebye, Matteo (Ruddock 79).
MyPa-47: Jakonen - Kautonen, Viljanen, Moore, Mahlio, Pohja, Keskitalo (Enberg 75), Gronholm (Kangaskorpi 63), Jukka Koskinen, Huttunen, Allen (Jalonen 46).

NIVA VINNITSA 0
SION 4 (Lukic 3, Vercruyse 9, 66, Milton de Souza 54)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 12,000
Sion won 6-0 on agg

OLIMPIJA LJUBLIANA 0
AGF AARHUS 0
Att: 4,000
Agg: 1-1, Olimpija won on away goals

PARIS SG 3 (Allou 22, Roche 40, M'boma 50)
VADUZ 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 15,973
Paris SG won 7-0 on agg

PSV EINDHOVEN 3 (Nilis 15 pen, Eykelkamp 53, Marcelo 83)
DYNAMO BATUMI 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 14,200
PSV won 4-1 on agg

RED STAR BELGRADE 4 (Stankovic 55, 97, Njegus 107, Pantelic 120)
KAISERSLAUTERN 0
HT: 0-0. **90min:** 1-0. **Att:** 70,000
Red Star won 4-1 on agg

RUCH CHORZOW 0
BENFICA 0
Att: 4,547
Benfica won 5-1 on agg

SPARTA PRAGUE 1 (Hornak 85)
STURM GRAZ 1 (Vastic 76)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 5,600
Agg: 3-3, Sparta won on away goals

VARTEKS VARAZDIN 2 (Vugrinec 63, 79)
LOKOMOTIV MOSCOW 1 (Kosolapov 40)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 8,500
Agg: 2-2, Lokomotiv won on away goals

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QUALIFYING ROUND, 1ST LEG

(Aug 6 unless stated)

AARAU (Swi) 4 (Georgiev 21, Skrzypczak 55, Pavlicevic 76, 86)
LANTANA (Est) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,500. **Ref:** Beusan (Cro)

IA AKRANES (Ice) 0
CSKA MOSCOW (Rus) 2 (Karsanov 34, Yankauskas 37)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 1,200. **Ref:** Lambek (Den)

ANORTHOSIS FAMAGUSTA (Cyp) 1 (Stavrou 17)
XAMAX NEUCHATEL (Swi) 2 (Vernier 29, Lesniak 57)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Howells (Wal)

BEITAR JERUSALEM (Isr) 1 (Tartiak 46)
BODO-GLIMT (Nor) 5 (Johansson 23, 36, Barik 51, 56, Arensson 75)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 9,000. **Ref:** Stoica (Rom)

CROATIA ZAGREB (Cro) 3 (Sliskovic 6, Cvitanovic 71pen, Saric 79)
MOSCOW SPARTAK (Rus) 1 (Galic 44 og)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 21,000. **Ref:** Momirov (Bul)

DYNAMO MINSK (Bls) 2 (M Makovsky 51, V Makovsky 61)
BESIKTAS (Tur) 1 (Topraktepe 60)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Schluchter (Swi)

GRAZER AK (Aut) 2 (Vukovic 45, Muzek 54)
VOJVODINA (Yug) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Vad (Hun)

HAJDUK SPLIT (Cro) 1 (Skoko 50)
MOSCOW TORPEDO (Rus) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 16,000. **Ref:** Gheorghe (Rom)

HALMSTAD (Swe) 0
VARDAR (Mac) 0
Att: 2,479. **Ref:** Melnitsjoek (Ukr)

HELSINGBORG (Swe) 1 (Pringle 45)
DINAMO-93 MINSK (Bls) 1 (Orlovski 48)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,007. **Ref:** Dempsey (RI)

HJK HELSINKI (Fin) 2 (Lehkosuo 56, Lehtinen 65)
CHORNOMORETS ODESSA (Ukr) 2 (Mizine 35, Moussolitine 44)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 1,250. **Ref:** McDermott (RI)

IRAKLIS SALONIKA (Gre) 0
APOEL (Cyp) 1 (Soteriou 48)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Colombo (Fr)

FC KOSICE (Slovak) 0
CELTIC (Sco) 0
Att: 9,000. **Ref:** Plautz (Aut)
Donnelly (Celtic) sent off, 54min.

LEGIA WARSAW (Pol) 3 (Mosur 9, Staniek 27, Oreszczuk 88)
VALKEAKOSKI HAKA (Fin) 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Jirku (Cze)

LYNGBY (Den) 0
MURA SOBOTA (Sloven) 0
Att: 842. **Ref:** Willard (Eng)

MOSCOW DYNAMO (Rus) 1 (Kobelyov 15)
FC JAZZ (Fin) 1 (Laaksonen 30)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** Praesmycki (Pol)

PARTIZAN BELGRADE (Yug) 0
NATIONAL BUCHAREST (Rom) 0
Att: 20,000. **Ref:** Messe (Belg)

RAPID BUCHAREST (Rom) 1 (Mironas 75)
LOKOMOTIV SOFIA (Bul) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Temmink (Hol)

SIGMA OLOMOUC (Cze) 1 (Benarek 78)
HUTNIK KRAKOW (Pol) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,500. **Ref:** Esquinas Torres (Spa)

SKONTO RIGA (Lat) 0
MALMO (Swe) 3 (Andersson 35, Kindvall 60, Olsson 80)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Clark (Sco)

SLAVIA SOFIA (Bul) 1 (Tosev 75)
TIROL INNSBRUCK (Aus) 1 (Kitzbichler 34)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Bikas (Gre)

SLIEMA WANDERERS (Malta) 0
ODENSE BK (Den) 2 (Schjonberg 81, Petersen 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Huyghe (Belg)

SLOVAN BRATISLAVA (Slovak) 2 (Slovak 25, Kinder 65)
TRABZONSPOR (Tur) 1 (Arveladze 4)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 8,000. **Ref:** Jol (Hol)

TBILISI DYNAMO (Geo) 2 (Gogichaisvili 13, Lashvili 19)
MOLDE (Nor) 1 (Stavroom 66)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 19,000. **Ref:** Dougal (Sco)

VASAS (Hun) 3 (Bukszegi 5, Egressy 42, Farkas 67 pen)
BARRY TOWN (Wal) 1 (T Evans 14)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Almeida Marcal (Por)
Ovendale (Barry Town) sent off, 88min.

ZHALGIRIS VILNIUS (Lit) 1 (Razarauskas 49)
ABERDEEN (Sco) 4 (Dodds 43 pen, 81, Glass 72, Shearer 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,800. **Ref:** Gadosi (Slovak)

QUALIFYING ROUND, 2ND LEG

(Aug 20 unless stated)

ABERDEEN (Sco) 1 (Irvine 85)
ZHALGIRIS VILNIUS (Lit) 3 (Mikulenas 53, 86, Puklevicius 76 pen)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,772. **Ref:** Bo Larsen (Den)
Aberdeen won 5-4 on agg
Aberdeen: Watt - Buchan (Grant 46), Woodthorpe, Kiriakov, Irvine, Inglis, Miller, Shearer, Windass, Dodds (Kpedekpo 75), Glass.
Zhalgiris: Merkelis - Sorokinas, Skerla, Zvirgzdauskas, Suliauskas (Radzius 83), Novikovas, Puklevicius, Morinas, Preiksaipis, Vencevicius, Mikulenas.

APOEL (Cyp) 2 (Alexis Alexandrou 5, Andros Sotiriou 86)
IRAKLIS SALONIKA (Gre) 1 (Porbokis 89)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Pregia (Alb)
APOEL won 3-1 on agg

BARRY TOWN (Wal) 3 (Pike 45 pen, O'Gorman 46, Evans 78)
VASAS (Hun) 1 (Egressy 63)
HT: 1-0. **90min:** 3-1. **Att:** 2,500. **Ref:** A Georgiou (Cyp)
Agg: 4-4, Barry won 4-2 on pens, aet
Barry: Mountain - Johnson, Lloyd, French, York, O'Gorman, Barnett, Huggins, Ryan, Pike, Bird.
Vasas: Vegh - Komlisi, Molnar, Eros, Bukszegi, Stanici, Egressy, Zovath, Puzi, Pomper, Feher.

BESIKTAS (Tur) 2 (Oktay 67, Ertugrul 71)
DYNAMO MINSK (Bls) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 30,000. **Ref:** Bento Marques (Por)
Besiktas won 3-2 on agg

BODO/GLIMT (Nor) 2
BEITAR JERUSALEM (Isr) 1
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,500 (Aug 21). **Ref:** Schaak (Lux)
Bodo/Glimt won 7-2 on agg

CELTIC (Sco) 1 (Cadete 88)
FC KOSICE (Slovak) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 44,448. **Ref:** Hireiniemi (Fin)
Celtic won 1-0 on agg
Celtic: Marshall - Boyd, McKinlay, McNamara, Grant, Van Hooydonk, Thom, Cadete, Hughes, Wieghorst, McLaughlin (Di Canio 52).
Kosice: Juracka - Kozlej (Obsitnik 64), Sovic, Zvara, Janocko (Lalik 87), Kozak, Semanik, Tarzenica*, Hornyak, Toth, Rusnak.
** = Tarzenica sent off, 86min.*

CHORNOMORETS ODESSA (Ukr) 2 (Chumachenko 64, Mizin 68)
HJK HELSINKI (Fin) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,500. **Ref:** Johansson (Swe)
Chornomorets won 4-2 on agg

CSKA MOSCOW (Rus) 4 (Movsesyan 34, 41, Ferreira Leonidas 52, Yankayskas 60)
IA AKRANES (Ice) 1 (Khognasson 79)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Kocev (Mac)
CSKA won 6-1 on agg

DINAMO-93 MINSK (Bls) 0
HELSINGBORG 3 (Roland Nilsson 25 pen, Powell 34, Pringle 77)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Ziober (Pol)
Helsingborg won 4-1 on agg

HUTNIK KRAKOW (Pol) 3 (Moussa Yahaya 29, Stolarz 39, Romuzga 71)
SIGMA OLOMOUC (Cze) 1 (Kovar 6)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Ovchinikov (Rus)
Hutnik Krakow won 3-2 on agg

FC JAZZ (Fin) 1 (Levo-Jokimaki 40)
MOSCOW DYNAMo (Rus) 3 (Kobelev 59 pen, Artemov 67, 80)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 1,500. **Ref:** Olsen (Nor)
Dynamo won 4-2 on agg

LANTANA (Est) 2 (Lebret 82, Khepner 88)
AARAU (Swi) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,500. **Ref:** Skjervold (Nor)
Aarau won 4-2 on agg

LOKOMOTIV SOFIA (Bul) 0
RAPID BUCHAREST (Rom) 1 (Butoiu 90)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Veissere (Fra)
Rapid Bucharest won 2-0 on agg

MALMO (Swe) 1 (Kindvall 47)
SKONTO RIGA (Lat) 1 (Stepanov 80)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 2,074. **Ref:** Jones (Eng)
Malmo won 4-1 on agg

MOSCOW SPARTAK (Rus) 2 (Meleshin 26,

Alenichev 56)
CROATIA ZAGREB (Cro) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000. **Ref:** Frohlich (Ger)
Agg: 3-3, Spartak won on away goals

FK MOLDE (Nor) 0
TBILISI DYNAMO (Geo) 0
Att: 3,000 (Aug 21). **Ref:** Barr (NI)
Dynamo won 2-1 on agg

MOSCOW TORPEDO (Rus) 2 (Kamoltsev 20, Vostrosablin 82 pen)
HAJDUK SPLIT (Cro) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Toth (Hun)
Torpedo won 2-1 on agg

MURA SOBOTA (Sloven) 0
LYNGBY (Den) 2 (Todi Jonsson 24, 70)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 5,000. **Ref:** Zachariadis (Gre)
Lyngby won 2-0 on agg

NATIONAL BUCHAREST (Rom) 1 (Ganea 6)
PARTIZAN BELGRADE (Yug) 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Bezoubiak (Rus)
National won 1-0 on agg

ODENSE BK (Den) 7 (Schjonberg 22, 59, 82, Kenneth Jensen 24, Bisgaard 33, 45, Henriksen 57)
SLIEMA WANDERERS (Malta) 1 (Teplov 40)
HT: 4-1. **Att:** 3,159. **Ref:** Orrason (Ice)
Odense won 9-1 on agg

TIROL INNSBRUCK (Aus) 4 (Sliwowski 28, Krinner 31, Kitzbichler 44, Zahariev og 73)
SLAVIA SOFIA (Bul) 1 (Tsvetanov 48)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 6,000. **Ref:** Zammit (Mal)
Innsbruck won 5-2 on agg

TRABZONSPOR (Tur) 4 (Hami 1, Shota Arveladze 14, Orhan 68, Abdullah 71)
SLOVAN BRATISLAVA (Slovak) 1 (Nemzadse 51 og)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Braschi (Ita)
Trabzonspor won 5-3 on agg

VALKEAKOSKI HAKA (Fin) 1 (Popovits 60)
LEGIA WARSAW (Pol) 1 (Mieciel 5)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,100. **Ref:** Shmolik (Rus)
Legia Warsaw won 4-1 on agg

VARDAR (Mac) 0
HALMSTAD (Swe) 1 (A. Nilsson 50)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 11,000. **Ref:** Micallef (Mal)
Halmstad won 1-0 on agg

VOJVODINA (Yug) 1 (Stojak 51)
GRAZER AK (Aut) 5 (Ramusch 45 pen, Sabitzer 46, 72 pen, Wieger 52, Anicic 86)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Bazzoli (Ita)
Grazer AK won 7-1 on agg

XAMAX NEUCHATEL (Swi) 4 (Sandjak 10, 27, Cyprien 17, Vernier 37)
ANORTHOSIS FAMAGUSTA (Cyp) 0
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 4,100. **Ref:** Lipkovitz (Isr)
Neuchatel won 6-1 on agg

INTERTOTO CUP

SEMI-FINALS

Standard Liege bt Nantes 2-1, 1-0 (*3-1 on agg*)
Karlsruhe bt Lierse 3-2, 2-0 (*5-3 on agg*)
Rotor Volgograd bt Linzer ASK 2-2, 5-0 (*7-2 on agg*)
Giungamp bt KamAZ 0-2, 4-0 (*4-2 on agg, aet*)
Segesta Sisak bt Orebro 4-0, 1-4 (*5-4 on agg*)
Sulkeborg bt Uralmash 2-1, 0-1 (*on away goals, 2-2 agg*)

FINALS, 1ST LEG (Aug 6)

STANDARD LIEGE (Belg) 1 (Bisconti 60)
KARLSRUHE (Ger) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 15,000

ROTOR VOLGOGRAD (Rus) 2 (Zernov 53, Tichenko 80)
GUINGAMP (Fra) 1 (Horlaville 45)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 29,000

SEGESTA SISAK (Cro) 1
SILKEBORG (Den) 2
Att: 6,500

FINALS, 2ND LEG (Aug 20)

KARLSRUHE (Ger) 3 (Hassler 37 pen, Bender 80, Schroth 89)
STANDARD LIEGE (Belg) 1 (Lawaree 61)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,000
Karlsruhe won 3-2 on agg

GUINGAMP (Fra) 1 (Carnot 75)
ROTOR VOLGOGRAD (Rus) 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 12,000
Agg: 2-2, Guingamp won on away goals

SILKEBORG (Den) 0
SEGESTA SISAK (Cro) 1 (Sasivarevic 77)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,447.
Agg: 2-2, Silkeborg won on away goals

UEFA CUP

1ST ROUND, 1ST LEG

(Sep 10 unless stated)

ABERDEEN 3 (Windass 7, Glass 57, Young 65)
BARRY TOWN 1 (Richard Jones 13)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 13,400. **Ref:** A Snoddy (NI)
Aberdeen: Walker, McKimmie, Tzvetanov, Young (Rowson 73), Grant, Inglis, Miller, Dodds (Shearer 73), Windass, Kiriakov, Glass.
Barry Town: Bovindale, Johnson, Lloyd, French, York, Barnett, Loss, Bird, Jones, Pike, Ryan.

ALANIA VLADIKAVKAZ 2 (Yanovski 22, Shelia 48)
ANDERLECHT 1 (Zetterberg 5)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 28,000

APOEL 2 (Alexandrou 26, Sotiriou 55)
ESPANYOL 2 (Miguel Benitez Pavon 30, Ouedec 45)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 12,000

ARSENAL 2 (Merson 54, Wright 89)
BORUSSIA MG 3 (Juskowiak 36, Effenberg 46, Passlack 80)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 36,894. **Ref:** Urs Meier (Swi)
Arsenal: Seaman, Dixon, Winterburn, Platt, Wright, Merson, Bergkamp (Helder 18), Linighan, Keown, Parlour (Bould 75), Hartson.
Borussia MG: Kamps, Andersson, Hochstatter, Neun, Juskowiak (Kastenmaier 85), Effenberg, Schneider, (Wynhoff 72), Passlack, Lupescu, Fournier.

ASTON VILLA 1 (Johnson 14)
HELSINGBORGS 1 (Wibran 81)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,818. **Ref:** L Loizou (Cyp)
Aston Villa: Oakes, Nelson, Staunton, Southgate, Wright, Ehiogu, Townsend, Draper, Milosevic, Yorke, Johnson.
Helsingborgs: Anderson, Eriksson, O. Nilsson, R. Nilsson, Jacobsson, Fursth, Jansson, Wibran, Powell (Pringle 52), Ljung, Johnsson.

BODO-GLIMT 1 (Runar Berg 32)
TRABZONSPOR 2 (Shota Arveladze 3, Unal Karaman 74)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 1,955

BRONDBY 5 (Vilfort 21, Bjur 56, Moller 56, 88, 89)
AARAU 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,976

CELTIC 0
HAMBURG 2 (Baron 3, Schupp 71)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 45,412. **Ref:** P Collina (Ita)
Celtic: Marshall, Boyd, McKinlay (MacKay 46), Grant, Di Canio (McLaughlin 79), Van Hooydonk, Thom, Cadete, O'Neil, Hughes, Wieghorst (McNamara 46).
Hamburg: Golz, Henchoz, Friss-Hansen, Knetsch, Ivanauskas (Schupp 65), Baron, Fischer, Schopp, Hollerbach, Sporl, Dowe (Hartmann 46).

CHORNOMORETS ODESSA (Ukr) 0
NATIONAL BUCHAREST (Rom) 0
Att: 12,000

CLUB BRUGGE 1 (Staelens 2)
LYNGBY 1 (Bjerre 35)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 6,000

CSKA MOSCOW 0
FEYENOORD 1 (Van Wonderen 83)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 51,000

EKEREN 3 (Radzinski 56, Vande Walle 58 pen, Czerniatynski 84)
CASINO GRAZ 1 (Strafner 8)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,800

FERENCVAROS 3 (Zavadszky 11, Varesanovic og 35, Arany 52)
OLIMPIAKOS 1 (Ivic 30)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 7,000

GUINGAMP 0
INTERNAZIONALE 3 (Ganz 25, Djorkaeff 71 pen, Sforza 87)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,500
Guingamp: Hugues - Foulon, Candela (Moulin 77), Jozwiak, Mihali, Michel (Vannuchi 80), Lecomte, Baret, Rouxel, Carnot, Wreh (Moreira 73).
Inter: Pagliuca - Angloma, Fresi, Festa (Pistone 89), Zanetti, M Paganin, Djorkaeff (Carbone 79), Ince, Sforza, Zamorano (Berti 89), Ganz.

KIEV DYNAMO (Ukr) 0
NEUCHATEL XAMAX (Swi) 0
Att: 50,000

LENS 0
LAZIO 1 (Chamot 84)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 25,000
Lens: Nadon - Sikora, Dehu (Adjovi-Boco 15), Regis, Delmotte, Debeve, Foe, Meyrieu, Smicer, Camara (Brunel), Vairelles.
Lazio: Marchegiani - Negro, Marcolin, Chamot, Favalli, Fuser, Nesta, Rambaudi, Protti (Gottardi 33), Piovanelli (Baronio 82), Signori.

MALMO 1 (Anders Andersson 83)
SLAVIA PRAGUE 2 (Asanin 70, Wagner 86)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,961

MONTPELLIER 1 (Ferhaoui 8)
SPORTING LISBON 1 (M Hadji 63)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 13,000

MOSCOW TORPEDO (Rus) 0
DYNAMO TBILISI (Geo) 1 (Dzhamarauli 37)
HT: 0-1

NEWCASTLE 4 (Ferdinand 6, Asprilla 26, Albert 51, Beardsley 54)
HALMSTADS 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 28,124. **Ref:** Erik Fisker (Den)
Newcastle: Smicek, Watson (Barton 66), Peacock, Howey (Albert 45), Clark, Lee (Gillespie 70), Beardsley, Shearer, Ferdinand, Asprilla, Ginola.
Halmstads: Nordberg, Wyberg, Robert Andersson (Ljungberg 61), Karlsson, M Svensson, Smith, Arvidsson, T Andersson, Mattson, Vougt, Rob Andersson.

ODENSE 2 (Hemmingsen 43 pen, Per Pedersen 44 pen)
BOAVISTA 3 (Simic 53, Nuno Gomes 75, Jose Tavares 82)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 3,789

PARMA 2 (Chiesa 40, 82)
VITORIA GUIMARAES 1 (Gilmar 77)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,863

AS ROMA 3 (Tommasi 7, Fonseca 18, 41 pen)
MOSCOW DYNAMO 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 20,000

RWD MOLENBEEK 0
BESIKTAS 0
Att: 9,000

SCHALKE 3 (Wilmots 8, Mulder 14, Anderbruegge 73)
RODA JC KERKRADE 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 50,000

TENERIFE 3 (Vivar 46, Kodro 56, Pinilla 66)
MACCABI TEL AVIV 2 (Mizrahi 60, Nimny 87 pen)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 18,000

TIROL INNSBRUCK 0
METZ 0
Att: 5,000

VALENCIA 3 (Engonga 19 pen, Claudio Lopez 25, Moya 46)
BAYERN MUNICH 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 42,000

HUTNIK KRAKOW 0
MONACO 1 (Ikpeba 87)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 8,000 (Sep 11)

MOSCOW SPARTAK 3 (Tikhonov 14, 37, Kechinov 20)
SILKEBORG 2 (Thygesen 53, Riise 72)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 7,000 (Sep 11)

PANATHINAIKOS 4 (Lymberopoulos 26, 39, Alexoudis 34, G H Georgiadis 80)
LEGIA WARSAW 2 (Szykier 3, Kucharski 45)
HT: 3-2. **Att:** 30,000 (Sep 11)

RAPID BUCHAREST 1 (Reich og 67)
KARLSRUHE 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 17,000 (Sep 11)

1ST RND, 2ND LEG

(Sep 24 unless stated)

MACCABI TEL AVIV 1 (Brumer 49)
TENERIFE 1 (Vivar 44)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 15,000 (Sep 25)
Tenerife won 4-3 on agg

BORUSSIA MG 3 (Juskowiak 23, 90, Effenberg 75)
ARSENAL 2 (Wright 43, Merson 50)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 35,000 (in Cologne, Sep 25). **Ref:** Lopez Nieto (Spa)
Borussia MG won 6-4 on agg
Borussia: Kamps - Andersson, Neun, Juskowiak, Effenberg, Schneider, Nielson (Wynhoff 74), Passlack, Lupescu, Fournier (Stadler 46), Pettersson (Hochstatter 61).
Arsenal: Seaman - Keown, Adams (Helder 76), Linighan (Parlour 64), Bould, Winterburn, Platt, Vieira, Merson, Wright, Hartson.

AARAU 0
BRONDBY 2 (Moller 39, Daugaard 90 pen)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 2,010
Brondby won 7-0 on agg

ANDERLECHT 4 (Samuel Johnson 28, De Bilde 44, Zetterberg 68, 78)
ALANIA VLADIKAVKAZ 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 20,000
Anderlecht won 5-2 on agg

BARRY TOWN 3 (O'Gorman 4, Ryan 71pen, Bird 82)
ABERDEEN 3 (Dodds 15, 25, Rowson 83)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 6,500
Aberdeen won 6-4 on agg

BAYERN MUNICH 1 (Javi Navarro og 3)
VALENCIA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 44,000
Valencia won 3-1 on agg

BESIKTAS 3 (Ertugrul Saglam 40, Arnokachi 50, Oktay Derelioglu 89)
RWD MOLENBEEK 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 30,000
Besiktas won 3-0 on agg

BOAVISTA 1 (Isaias Soares 11)
ODENSE 2 (Hjorth 65, Pedersen 68)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 300 (in Estadio do Benfica)
Agg: 4-4, Boavista won on away goals

CASINO GRAZ 2 (Sabitzer 66 pen, 86)
EKEREN 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,000 (in Kapfenberg)
Agg 3-3: Graz won on away goals

ESPANYOL 1 (Cristobal Parralo 63)
APOEL NICOSIA 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 19,000
Espanyol won 3-2 on agg

FEYENOORD 1 (Van Wonderen 78)
CSKA MOSCOW 1 (Minko 63)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 27,500
Feyenoord won 2-1 on agg

HALMSTADS 2 (Arvidsson 74, Svensson 81)
NEWCASTLE 1 (Ferdinand 43)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,847
Newcastle won 5-2 on agg

HAMBURG 2 (Baron 23, Breitenreiter 49)
CELTIC 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 29,639
Hamburg won 4-0 on agg

HELSINGBORG 0
ASTON VILLA 0
Att: 16,000
Agg: 1-1, Helsingborg won on away goal

INTERNAZIONALE 1 (Branca 7)
GUINGAMP 1 (Wreh 73)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 6,000
Inter won 4-1 on agg

KARLSRUHE 4 (Keller 51, 78, Wueck 57, Dundee 68)
RAPID BUCHAREST 1 (Chirita 69)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 16,200
Karlsruhe won 4-2 on agg

LAZIO 1 (Fuser 43)
LENS 1 (Smicer 67)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 15,000
Lazio won 2-1 on agg

LEGIA WARSAW 2 (Mieciel 52, Kucharski 93)
PANATHINAIKOS 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 10,000
Agg: 4-4, Legia won on away goals

LYNGBY 0
CLUB BRUGGE 2 (Borkelmans 62, Spehar 84)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,721
Club Brugge won 3-1 on agg

METZ 1 (Song 41)
TIROL INNSBRUCK 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 11,940
Metz won 1-0 on agg

MONACO 3 (Anderson 37, 83, Martin 81)
HUTNIK KRAKOW 1 (Adamczyk 63 pen)
HT: 1-0
Monaco won 4-1 on agg

MOSCOW DYNAMO 1 (Kobelev 19 pen)
AS ROMA 3 (Fonseca 45 pen, Tommasi 71, Beretta 77)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 5,000
AS Roma won 6-1 on agg

NATIONAL BUCHAREST 2 (Moisescu 48, Niculescu 57)
CHORNOMORETS ODESSA 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,000
National won 2-0 on agg

NEUCHATEL XAMAX 2 (Lesniak 25, Isabella 54)
KIEV DYNAMO 1 (Maximov 60)
HT: 1-0. ASt: 8,600
Xamax won 2-1 on agg

OLYMPIAKOS 2 (Ivic 27, Sabanis 77)
FERENCVAROS 2 (Miriuta 22, Limperger 47)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 28,000
Ferencvaros won 5-3 on agg

RODA JC KERKRADE 2 (Vurens 25, Sibon 74)
SCHALKE 2 (Wagner 15, Wilmots 72)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 14,000
Schalke won 5-2 on agg

SILKEBORG 2 (Thygesen 31, Soenksen 51 og)
MOSCOW SPARTAK 1 (Tikhonov 42)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 3,565
Spartak won 5-3 on agg

SLAVIA PRAGUE 3 (Penicka 13, Vagner 29, Horvath 69 pen)
MALMO 1 (Fjellstrom 56)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 4,602. **Ref:** Trentalange (Ita)
Slavia won 5-2 on agg

SPORTING LISBON 1 (Oceano 60 pen)
MONTPELLIER 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 30,000
Sporting won 2-1 on agg

TBILISI DYNAMO 1 (Dzhamarauli 50)
MOSCOW TORPEDO 1 (Vostrosablin 80)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 55,000
Dynamo won 2-1 on agg

TRABZONSPOR 3 (Unal Karaman 35, Hami Mandirali 37, Hasan Ozer 45)
BODO-GLIMT 1 (Johanssen 88)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 20,000
Trabzonspor won 5-2 on agg

VITORIA GUIMARAES 2 (Vitor Paneira 15, Ricardo Lopes 50)
PARMA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000
Vitoria Guimaraes won 3-2 on agg

INTERNATIONAL RESULTS

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

Aug 20 - Muscat - intl friendly
OMAN 1 (Hilal Hmid 66)
MALI 0
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 7,000. **Ref:** Meflah (Oman)
Oman: Jomaa - Khamis, Fayel, Salem, Rahced - Mohamed Kamis, Al Habsi, Chaabane, S Abdullah - Hital Hmid, Ahmed Ali.
Mali: Ma Sidibe - Ad Camara, Nietao, Mo Samake, Da Diakite - Moussa Diarra (Abdul Karim), Bre Traore, Ma Diarra, Cheick Sidate Sanogo - Sa Traore, Dri Diarra.

Aug 20 - Lome - intl friendly
TOGO 2 (Noutsoudje 11, Dovi Akon 48)
BENIN 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,000

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

Aug 25 - Tegucigalpa - intl friendly
HONDURAS 4 (Castro 3, Ranau 32, 85, Pavon 36)
CUBA 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 7,500

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

Aug 26 - Liberia, CR - intl friendly
COSTA RICA 1 (R Gonzalez 10pen)
CHILE 1 (M Salas 80)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,000

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

Aug 27 - Beicnatow - intl friendly
POLAND 2 (K Warzycha 46, Maciel 57)
CYPRUS 2 (Alexandrou 75, Malekos 80)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 3,000. **Ref:** Pavlin Jrku (Cze)
Poland: Szamotulski - Hajto (Kaczmarczyk 65), Wegrzyn, Zielinski, Ratajczyk - Ledwon, Berensztajn, Brzeczek (Gesior 80), Rzezniczek - Mieciel (Kucharski 81), K Warzycha.
Cyprus: Petrides - Theodotou (Iosofides 75), Pitas, D Ioannou, G Christodolou - Andreou (Y Ioannou 75), Timotheou, Larkou, M Christodolou (Malekos 46) - Gogic (Misos 90), Sotiriou (Alexandrou 46).

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

Aug 28 - Moscow - intl friendly
RUSSIA 2 (Nikiforov 18, Radimov 80)
BRAZIL 2 (Donizete 47, Ronaldo 85pen)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 20,000. **Ref:** Zhuk (Bls)
Russia: Cherchesov - Mamedov, Nikiforov, Onopko, Ternavski - Kanchelskis, Tetradze, Tikhonov (Kharlachev 61(- Veretennikov (Radimov 14), Radchenko (Beschastnikh 6t6), Kolivanov (Kechinov 77).
Brazil: Carlos Germano - Cafu, Goncalves, Andre Cruz, Andre Luiz - Ze Elias, Amaral, Donizete, Leonardo (Ze Maria 79) - Giovanni, Ronaldo (Jardel 88).

Aug 28 - Muscat - intl friendly
OMAN 0
SUDAN 0
Att: 3,000

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

Aug 29 - Settat - intl friendly
MOROCCO 7 (Hadj 22, Fertout 24, 32, 90, Nader 36, Raghib 70, Abrami 72pen)
ZAIRE 0
HT: 4-0. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Arjoune (Mor)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Sep 4 - Jablonek - intl friendly
CZECH REPUBLIC 2 (Kuka 54, 64)
ICELAND 1 (Tor Gudjonsson 42)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Ziober (Pol)
Czech Rep: Kouba - Krivanek, Kubik, Rada - Latal, Bejbl, Frydek (Z Svoboda 85), Nemec, Lasota (Hronadko 46) - Verbir, Kuka (Dostalek 82).
Iceland: B Kristinsson (Finnbogason 87) - L Sigurdsson, Adolfsson, Bergsson, Sverrisson - Gunnlaugsson (Danielsson 78), Jonsson (H Gudjonsson 62), T Gudjonsson (Thordarsson 71).

Sep 4 - Singapore - Tiger Cup
MALAYSIA 7 (Azman 43, Rahman 53, 85, Chandran 78, Sanbagamaran 36, 56, 89)
PHILIPPINES 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 1,000

Sep 4 - Singapore - Tiger Cup
SINGAPORE 3 (Haron 1, Tan 3pen, Fandi Ahmad 49)
BRUNEI 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 8,400

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Sep 5 - Singapore - Tiger Cup
LAOS 1 (Luang Amath Chalana 52)
VIETNAM 1 (Le Huynh Duc 85)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 1,400

Sep 5 - Singapore - Tiger Cup
BURMA 5 (Tin Myo Hung 14, Win Aung 35, 54, Myo Hlaing Win 71, Maung Maung Oo 90)
CAMBODIA 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 1,500

Sep 5 - Beirut - intl friendly
LEBANON 1 (Vartan 44)
OMAN 2 (Said Chaabane 55, Taki Mubarak 87)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 12,000. **Ref:** Saleh (Leb)

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Sep 6 - Singapore - Tiger Cup
THAILAND 6 (Santawong 15, Sritong In 23, 87, Srimaka 35, 67, Senamuang 77)
BRUNEI 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 8,000

Sep 6 - Singapore - Tiger Cup
SINGAPORE 3 (Fandi Ahmad 20, 42, Lim 73)
PHILIPPINES 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 12,000

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Sep 7 - Singapore - Tiger Cup
BURMA 1 (Maung Htay 25)
VIETNAM 4 (Huu Dang 6, Le Huynh Duc 15, Tran Cong Mihn 46, Hong Son 60)
HT: 1-2. **Att:** 2,000

Sep 7 - Singapore - Tiger Cup
INDONESIA 3 (Kurniawan Dwi Yulianto 15, Peri Sandria 23, Eir Iriyanto 59pen)
CAMBODIA 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 2,000

Sep 7 - Beirut - intl friendly
LEBANON 2 (Ghazarian 71, 83)
OMAN 1 (Daoud Salem 42pen)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 9,500

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Sep 8 - San Salvador - WC qual
EL SALVADOR 5 (Rivera 22, 80, Diaz 49m 71)m Cienfuegos 83)
CUBA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 25,000
El Salvador: Alfaro - Osorio, Carcamo, Iraheta Sanabria, O L Lazo (Cubias 46) - Castro, Rodriguez, Rivera, Cienfuegos - Diaz Arce, Cerritos.
Cuba: Molina - Hernandez, Lucio Garcia, Gou Gomez, Cruz - Martinez*, Mora, Alvarez (Saez 71), Bobadilla (Cabrengo 52) - Darcourt, More.
** = Martinez sent off, 55min.*

Sep 8 - Singapore - Tiger Cup
BRUNEI 1 (Irwan Mohamed 28)
PHILIPPINES 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 3,000

Sep 8 - Singapore - Tiger Cup
THAILAND 1 (Kiatasuk Senamuang 28)
MALAYSIA 1 (Zainal Abidin Hassan 57)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 14,000

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Sep 9 - Singapore - Tiger Cup
LAOS 1 (Homsonbath Khonsavanh 39)
CAMBODIA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 4,000

Sep 9 - Singapore - Tiger Cup
INDONESIA 6 (Fachri Husaini 7, 65, Peri Sandria 21, 27, Ansyari Lubis 28, Eri Iriyanto 39 pen)
BURMA 1 (Maung Maung Htay 26)
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 4,000

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Sep 10 - Singapore - Tiger Cup
BRUNEI 0
MALAYSIA 6 (K Sanbagamaran 3, Samsurin Abd Rahman 37, Anuar Abu Bakar 47, 60, M Chandran 82, 89)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 20,000

Sep 10 - Singapore - Tiger Cup
SINGAPORE 0
THAILAND 1 (Natipong Sritong-in 68)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 42,000

GROUP B – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Thailand	4	3	1	0	13	1	10
Malaysia	4	2	2	0	15	2	8
Singapore	4	2	1	1	7	2	7
Brunei	4	1	0	3	1	15	3
Philippines	4	0	0	4	0	16	0

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

Sep 11 - Tokyo - JFA 75th anniversary match
JAPAN 1 (Morishima 6)
UZBEKISTAN 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 44,843. **Ref:** Kim Kwang-taik (SK)
Japan: Shimokawa - H Yanagimoto (T Nakamura 46), Ihara, Omura, Soma (Hattopri 46) - M Yamaguchi, Morishima, Nanami, Maezono (Y Honda 89) - Takagi (Okano 46), Kazu Miura.
Uzbekistan: Bugalo - Zakharov, Tursunov (Rusimov 46), Magometov - Lebedev, Khasanov (Khabibulin 46), Charipov (Davletov 77), Momotov, Atoyan - Chatskikh, Chvyrin (Musabayev 63).

Sep 11 - Singapore - Tiger Cup Gp A
VIETNAM 1 (Vo Hoang Buu 77pen)
INDONESIA 1 (Kurniawan Dwi Yulianto 44)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 1,300

Sep 11 - Singapore - Tiger Cup Gp A
LAOS 2 (Khenkitisack Bounlap 40, Phimmasean Phonesavanh 45)
MYANMAR 4 (Win Aung 16, 68, Maung Maung Oo 35, Myo Hliang Win 81)
HT: 2-2. **Att:** 500

GROUP A – FINAL

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Indonesia	4	3	1	0	15	3	10
Vietnam	4	2	2	0	9	4	8
Burma	4	2	0	2	11	12	6
Laos	4	1	1	2	5	9	4
Cambodia	4	0	0	4	1	12	0

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Sep 13 - Singapore - Tiger Cup semi-final
THAILAND 4 (Kiatisuk Senumuang 4, Natipong Sritong-In 10, 20, Worrawoot Srimaka 46)
VIETNAM 2 (Vo Hoang Buu 82pen, Hguyen Hong Son 88)
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 20,000

Sep 13 - Singapore - Tiger Cup semi-final
MALAYSIA 3 (K Sanbagamaran 6, Yap Wai Loon 15, Samsurin Abdul Rahman 75)
INDONESIA 1 (Azmil Azali og 44)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 20,000

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Sep 14 - Durban - Simba Cup
AUSTRALIA 2 (Mori 44, Trimboli 69)
GHANA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** P Mathabela (SA)
Australia: Kalac - Blagojevic, Tobi, Ivanovic, Popovic - Hooker, Tapai, Marth (Polak 83), Foster - Trimboli, Mori.
Ghana: Kingston - Amankwah, Adjei, Nettey, Baidoo, Kuffour - Yaw Sakyi, Dadzie, Kumah - Allotey, Aryee.

Sep 14 - Durban - Simba Cup
SOUTH AFRICA 1 (Ngobe 21)
KENYA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 50,000. Ref Quartey (Gha)
S Africa: Arendse - Tshisevhe, Tovey, Burton - Buthelezi, Moeti, Khumalo, Ngobe (Fortune 78), Mkhalele - Madida, Bartlett (Sikhosna 70).
Kenya: Otomax - Kwarula, Oduor, Omolo, Otieno - Juma (Ali Mohamed Abdallah 53), Motego, Sholei (Otieno 78), Lwanga - Odhiambo (Ambani 86), Okoth.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Sep 15 - Singapore - Tiger Cup 3rd pl play-off
VIETNAM 3 (Huyn Quoc Cuong 8, Yeyen Tumena og 27, Vo Hoang Bun 73)
INDONESIA 2 (Kurniawan Dwi Tyulianto 66, Aples Tecuari 85)
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 32,000

Sep 15 - Singapore - Tiger Cup Final
THAILAND 1 (Kiatisuk Senmuang 9)
MALAYSIA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 32,000

Sep 15 - Kingston - WC qual
JAMAICA 3 (Boyd 14, 51, Whitmore 42
HONDURAS 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Mendez (CR)
Jamaica: Barrett - Brown, Goodison, Dixon, Messan (McGrath 74) - Cargill, Whitmore, Bennett, Wright - Boyd (Dabis 61), Lowe (Butler 65).
Honduras: Flores - Bernardez, Castro, Cruz, Zapata - J L Pineda, Richardson Smith (Santamaria 37), Fu, Obando (A Pineda 77) - Bennett, Nunez (Suazo 65).

Sep 15 - St Vincent - WC qual
ST VINCENT 0
MEXICO 3 (Pelaez 15, 49, Alvarez 89)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 3,500. **Ref:** Marquez (El S)
St Vincent: Andrews - Walker, Fords, Hendrickson, Williams - M Nero (Franklin 53), C Huggins, Quashie (Harris 82) - Velox, Vellantine (Ezequiel 59), R Jack.
Mexico: Campos - Villa, Gutierrez, Claudio Suarez, Pardo - Garcia Aspe, Coyote, Ramon Ramirez (Del Olmo 46) - Blanco (Alvarez 82), Pelaez, Palencia (Abundis 46).

Sep 15 - Dakar - intl friendly
SENEGAL 1 (Al Keita 25)
MALI 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

Sep 16 - Lae - WC qual
PAPUA NEW GUINEA 1
SOLOMON ISLANDS 1

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Sep 17 - Muscat - intl friendly
OMAN 0
ZAMBIA 0
Att: 10,000

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

Sep 18 - Lae, Papua New Guinea - WC qual
SOLOMON ISLANDS 1
VANUATU 1
Att: 1,500

Sep 18 - Teplice - WC qual
CZECH REPUBLIC 6 (Berger 11, 62pen, Nedved 24, Kubik 77, Smicer 83, Frydek 87)
MALTA 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 18,000. **Ref:** Beusen (Cro)
Czech Rep: Smicek - Kubik, Hornak (Smicer 63), Suchoparek, Latal, Bejbl, Nedved (Frydek 81), Nemec, Poborsky (Verbir 86), Berger, Kuka.
Malta: Cini - Saliba, Attard, Buhagiar, S Vella, Zamit (Agius 83), Sant-Fournier, Chetcuti, Debono (Said 88), Zahra, Carabott (Suda 69).

Sep 18 - Bucharest - intl friendly
ROMANIA 1 (Vladoiu 62)
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 2 (Abdul Razzaq 3, Zuhair 70)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 15,000. **Ref:** Huzu (Rom)
Romania: Gherasim - Contra (Bolohan 70), Kurt (Vochin 70), Dobos (Papura 46), Filipescu - Dumitrescu (Gabriel Popescu 55), Gheorghe Popescu, Panduru (Vladoiu 46), Hagi - Moldovan, Ilie.
UAE: Rachid - Munther, Yussuf, Haddad, Mohamed Ali - Al Taliani (Ismael 75), Bahit, Zuhair (Omar 80), Abdul Razzaq, Hassan - Saleh.

Sep 18 - Johannesburg - Simba Cup
GHANA 1 (Nana Dartey 86)
KENYA 0
HT: 0-0). **Att:** 29,632. **Ref:** Williams (Aus)
Ghana: Kingston - Amankwah (Osei Kuffour 46), Adjei, Nettey, Baidoo, Bastios - E Quaye (Dartey 74), Sakyi, Allotey - S Quaye, Aryee.
Kenya: Busolo - Ochieng, E Otieno, F Odour, S Omollo (G Origi 61), M Otieno - Juma, A Ohdiambo, Abdallah (Aketch 50) - Okoth, Ambani (Birgen 51).

Sep 18 - Johannesburg - Simba Cup
SOUTH AFRICA 2 (Moshoeu 12, Williams 71)
AUSTRALIA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 29,632. **Ref:** Gharib (Ken)
S Africa: Arendse - Motaung, A Nyathi (I Kungwane 62), Tovey, Tshisevhe - Buthelezi, Tinkler, Masilela, Moshoeu - Bartlett (Madida 74), Williams (Sikhosana 82).
Australia: Kalac - Blagojevic (Craney 62), Popovic*, Ivanovic, Tobin - Hooker, Tapai (Edwards 68), Marth, Foster (Spink 72) - Mori, Trimboli.
** = Popovic sent off, 28min.*

Sep 18 - San Salvador - intl friendly
EL SALVADOR 0
VENEZUELA 1 (Rafael Castellin 69)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,000
El Salvador: Alfaro (Hernandez) - Osorio, Caracamo, Iraheta Sanabria, L Lazo - Rodriguez, castro (F Lazo), Rivera (Renderos), Menjivar (Melendez) - Cerritos, Medrano.
Venezuela: Colindano - McIntosh, Vallenilla, L Gonzalez, Filosa (Lucena) - San Vicente

(Salazar), Diaz (C Garcia), Hernandez, Vera - J Garcia (Castellin), Moran.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Sep 19 - San Salvador - intl friendly
EL SALVADOR 0
VENEZUELA 1 (R Castellin 69)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 6,000

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Sep 20 - Lae - WC qual
PAPUA NEW GUINEA 2 (Furigi 88, Karong 89)
VANUATU 1 (Garo 27)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,500

Sep 20 - Doha - WC qual
QATAR 3 (Mohammad Soufi 36, Mohammad Salem Al-Enazi 51, Mubarak Mustafa 81)
SRI LANKA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 1,500. **Ref:** K Ordabaev (Khz)
Qatar: Ahmed Khalil - Jafel Rashid, Abdul Rahman Mubarak, Jamal Issa (Salah Al Mulla, 75th), Waleed Bakhit, Jassem Yousef, Abdullah Mohammed, Mubarak Mustafa, Aziz Hassan, Mahmoud Soufi (Adel Khamis, 46th), Mohammed Salem Al Enazi.
Sri Lanka: Lalith Weerasingh - Haseem Deen, Ananda Kumar, D. Stenwall, Jagath Rohana, Anthony Silva, Roshay Fanth, Sampath Perera, Mohammed Kabeer (Mohammed Rumy 46), C Stenwall, M C Sirisena.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Sep 21 - Doha - WC qual
INDIA 2 (R Vijayan 81, Bruno Coutinho 86)
PHILIPPINES 0
HT: 0-0. **Ref:** Omar Shukair (SAr)
India: Feroze Sharif - Bruno Coutinho, I M Vijayan, Jiju Jacob, Carlton Chapman, Robert Fernandes, B Mondal (R Vijayan 60), Sabir Pasha, V. Dhanesh, Gurinder Pal (Bhutia 30), Dipendu Biswas.
Philippines: Ramos Martin (Carpio 55) - T Raymond, K Loreto, O Alvin, R Vicente, V Reydric, L Jeofrey, M Eduardo, P Rolando (P Marlom 25), J Randy, T Gil.

Sep 21 - San Pedro Sula - WC qual
HONDURAS 2 (Carlos Pavon 50, Eduardo Bennett 82 pen)
MEXICO 1 (Ramon Ramirez 64)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 22,000. **Ref:** Dominguez (US)
Honduras: Flores - Membreno, Cruz, Arzu, Zapata, Jose Luis Pineda, Guevara, Alex Pineda Chacon (Pavon 46), Santamaria, Reneau (Nunez 73), Suazo (Bennett 59).
Mexico: Campos - Pardo, Gutierrez, Suarez, Villa, Del Olmo (Alvarez 84), Coyote, Garcia Aspe (Blanco 46), Luis Garcia (Pelaez 65), Ramirez, Hermosillo.

Sep 21 - Pretoria - Simba Cup
AUSTRALIA 4 (Polak 32, Spink 36, Damian Mori 63, Alex Tobin 78pen)
KENYA 0
HT: 2-0. **Att:** 50,000. **Ref:** McLeod (SA)
Australia: Petkovic - Ivanovic, Tobin, Marth - Hooker, Foster, Edwards, Lozanovksi, Polak (Tapai 46) - Spink (Trimboli 74), Trajanovksi (Mori 56).
Kenya: Ottomax - Juma*, Oduor, Otieno, Ochieng - Origi, Ambani, Allan Odhiambo, Tom Odhiambo (Birgen 71) - Lwanga, Aketch.
** = Juma sent off, 72 min (also coach Gardesevic).*

Sep 21 - Pretoria - Simba Cup
SOUTH AFRICA 0
GHANA 0
Att: 50,000. **Ref:** Gharib (Ken)
S Africa: Arendse - Motaung, Nyathi, Tovey, Tshisevhe - Buthelezi, Madigage (Kungwane 75), Fortune (Masilela 52), Moshoeu - Williams, Sikhosana (Bartlett 66).
Ghana: Kingston - Amankwah (Adjei 27), Allotey, Nettey, Baidoo, Bastios - Dartey (Sakyi 56), Kumah (Kuffour 66), Aryee - Quaye, Grant.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

Sep 22 - Bratislava - Wc qual
SLOVAKIA 6 (Tittel 13, 81, Simon 16, Zeman 36, Timko 56, Dubovsky 59)
MALTA 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 2,236. **Ref:** Bikas (Gre)
Slovakia: Vencel - Zeman (Kozak 73), Karhan, Tomaschek, Kinder, Tittel, Slovak, Simon, Timko (Uljaky 65), Dubovsky, Moravcik (Jancula 46).
Malta: Cini - Attard, Bonnici, S Vella, Chetcuti (Saliba 33), Zammit, Suda, Said, Carabott, Sant-Fournier, Zahra (Agius 71).

Sep 22 - Panama City - WC qual
PANAMA 1 (Jorge Dely Valdez 55)
CUBA 3 (Cebranco 42, 73, Bobadillo 88)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 10,000. **Ref:** Olger Mejias (CR)
Panama: James - Villanueva, Delgado, Sanchez, Serrano, Rodriguez, Solanilla (Mojica 46), Piggott (Agrazal 80), Mendieta (Guevara 46), Julio Cesar Dely Valdes, Jorge Dely Valdes.
Cuba: Molina - Hernandez (Torres 60), Garcia, Diaz, Cruz, Cruzata (Khadafi Gou 58), Mora (Alvarez 70), Pedraza, Bobadilla, More, Cebranco.

Sep 22 - Jeddah - intl friendly
SAUDI ARABIA 2 (Fahd Mohallel 54, 90)
ZAMBIA 1 (K Malitoli 88)
HT: 0-0. **Att:** 20,000

Sep 22 - Kingstown - WC qual
JAMAICA v ST VINCENT – postponed *(rain)*

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Sep 23 - Doha - WC qual
QATAR 5 (Mohammad Salem al-Enazi 18, 41, Mohammad Soufi 27, Adel Khamis 30, Abdul Aziz Hassan 37)
PHILIPPINES 0
HT: 5-0. **Att:** 4,000

Sep 23 - Kingstown - WC qual
ST VINCENT & GRENADINES 1 (Harry 81pen)
JAMAICA 2 (Young 21, 40)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 4,000

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

Sep 24 - Doha, Qatar - WC qual
SRI LANKA 1 (Anton Silva 14)
INDIA 1 (Carlton Chapman 39)
HT: 1-1. **Att:** 4,000. **Ref:** Ammar Ammar
India: Feroze Sharif - Aloke Das, I M Vijayan, Jiju Jacob, Carlton Chapman, Robert Fernandes, Anit Ghosh (V Dhanesh 46), Baichung Bhutia, Basudeb Mondal, S S Pasha (Amit Das 29), Dipendu Biswas, (R Vijayan 56).
Sri Lanka: Lalith Weerasingh - Haseem Deen, Ananda Kumar, D Stenwall, Jagath Rohana, Anthony Silva, Roshan Perera, Sampath Perera, C Stenwall (T Bagoos 75), H Gamage, P Liyanage.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Sep 25 - Seoul - intl friendly
SOUTH KOREA 3 (Seo Jung-won 15, Lee Ki-hyung 24, Ha Seok-ju 64)
CHINA 1 (Hao Haidong 11)
HT: 2-1. **Att:** 20,000

Sep 25 - Tegucigalpa - intl friendly
HONDURAS 4 (Castro 3, Ranau 32, 85, Pavon 36)
CUBA 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 8,000

Sep 25 - Dammam - intl friendly
SAUDI ARABIA 1 (Salem Souid 90)
ZAMBIA 3 (Makasa 11, Amino 37, A Tembo 52)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 11,000

Sep 25 - Damascus - intl friendly
SYRIA 1 (Nader 83)
SUDAN 2 (Edward Gildo 21, Zaher Marcaz 29)
HT: 0-2. **Att:** 5,000

Sep 25 - Wodzislaw - intl friendly
POLAND 1 (Rzezniczek 35)
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 2,000. **Ref:** Grzesiczek (Pol)
Poland: Onyszko - Sowisz, Bocian, Wegrzyn - Hajto, Ledwon, Skrzypek, Berenstajn (Czereszewski 69), Rzezniczek (Wilk 64) - Plucienik, Prusek.
UAE: Juma Rasheed - Ali Mohamed, Ismail Rashed, Ali Munther (Ali Hassan 86) - Saad Bakhit (Mohamed Omar 62), Al Haddad, Abdel Rahman, Talyani, Abdul Razeeq - Zaher Bakhit.

Sep 25 - Muscat - intl friendly
OMAN 0
MOZAMBIQUE 2 (Antonio Sardinha 23, 67)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 7,000

Sep 25 - Los Angeles - intl friendly
EL SALVADOR 2 (Cerritos 49, Renderos Iraheta 64)
GUATEMALA 1 (Giron 12)
HT: 0-1. **Att:** 15,000.
El Salvador: Guevara Mora - Osorio, Carcamo, Sanabria, Lazo (Cubias) - Rodriguez, Castro, Rivera - Remderos Iraheta (Montes), Cerritos (Burgos), Medrano.
Guatemala: Hilton - Lemus, Molina, Leon, MAchon - Quintana, Funes (Salguero), Acevedo (Plata), Giron - Valencia, Ramirez (Rodas).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Sep 26 - Doha - WC qual
SRI LANKA 3 (C Stenwall 27, Roshan Perera 55, 81)
PHILIPPINES 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 5,000
Sri Lanka: Lalith Weerasingh - Haseem Deen, Ananda Kumar, D Stenwall, Jagath Rohana, Anthony Silva, Roshan Perera, Sampath Perera, C Stenwall, H Gamage, P Liyanage.
Philippines: Ramos Martin - T Raymond, K Loreto, O Alvin, R Vicente, V Reydric, L Jeofrey, M Eduardo, P Rolando, J Randy, T Gil.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Sep 27 - Doha - WC qual
QATAR 6 (Mohammad Salem al-Enazi 26, 39, Zamal Issa 41, Waleed Bakhit 46, Mohammad Soufi 50, Mubarak Mustafa 61)
INDIA 0
HT: 3-0. **Att:** 2,500
Qatar: Ahmed Khalil - Jafel Rashid, Jamal Issa, Waleed Bakhit, Jassem Yousef, Mubarak Mustafa, Abdul Aziz Hassan, Mahmoud Soufi, Adel Khamis, (Fahd Mohammed 63), Mohammed Salem Al Enazi, Jumah Salem.
India: Hemanta Dora (Feroze Sharif 46) - Bruno Coutinho, Fransisco Coelho, I M Vijayan, Jiju Jacob, Carlton Chapman, Roberto Fernandes, V Dhanesh, Baichung Bhutia (Basudeb Mondal 78), Sabir Pasha, Savio Mediera (Dipendu Biswas 62).

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Sep 29 - Harare - intl friendly
ZIMBABWE 1 (Claudius Vziripayi 3)
TANZANIA 0
HT: 1-0. **Att:** 8,000

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Group 6
Sep 17 (Neratovice): CZECH REP 4 (Kolousek 19, Holub 49, Holenak 66, Vavra 80), MALTA 0.
Sep 21 (Trnava): SLOVAKIA 3 (Janocko 43, Nemeth 56, Kocurek 84), MALTA 0.

JAPAN

YAMAZAKI NABISCO CUP

GROUP A

SATURDAY AUGUST 24 1996
KYOTO PURPLE SANGA 0
KASHIWA REYSOL 0
Reysol win 3-1 on agg

SEMI-FINALS

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 4 1996
SIMIZU S-PULSE 5 (Oliva 15, 22, Oenoki 18, Hasegawa 56, Teruyoshi Ito 84)
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 0 Att: 13,629

KASHIWA REYSOL 1 (Arima 59)
VERDY KAWASAKI 2 (Argel 11, Magrao 45)
Att: 14,155

J.LEAGUE

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 28 1996
KASHIMA ANTLERS 2 (Naito 6, Rodrigo 16)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 0 att: 16,046

KASHIWA REYSOL 1 (Ishikawa 16)
GAMBA OSAKA 0 Att: 6,093

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 1 (Cesar Sampaio 89)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 2 (Asano 24, Durix 9) **Att:** 30,128

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 1 (Nakata 85)
AVISPA FUKUOKA 4 (Endo 22, Maradona 55, Sonoda 67, Troglio 77) **Att:** 5,539

SHIMIZU S-PULSE 2 (Oenoki 28, Own Goal 61)
URAWA REDS 3 (Oshiba 43, Yamada 75, Okanao 76) **Att:** 10,151

KYOTO PURPLE SANGA 0
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 3 (Acosta 5, Noda 7, Bisconti 37) **Att:** 13,848

CEREZO OSAKA 2 (Morishima 54, 77)
VERDY KAWASAKI 4 (Magrao 39, 89, Yasutoshi Miura 50, Bismarck 89 **Att:** 13,069

SANFREECE HIROSHIMA 0
JUBILO IWATA 3 (Dunga 1, 61, Nakayama 41)
Att: 6,585

SATURDAY AUGUST 31
VERDY KAWASAKI 3 (Magrao 76, Gen 88, Kitazawa 89)
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 2 (Evair 16, Cesar Sampaio 66) **Att:** 14,280

AVISPA FUKUOKA 4 (Mori 5, Ueno 10, Troglio 26, Maradona 65)
KASHIWA REYSOL 5 (Date 17, Edilson 37, Sakai 66, 69, Nozomu Kato pen 103) **Att:** 7,174

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 1 (Nakanishi 95)
CEREZO OSAKA 0 Att: 7,469

URAWA REDS 5 (Hori 28, Bein 30, Yamada 36, 38, Okano 44)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 1 (Takagi 81)
Att: 20,028

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 2 (Acosta 28, Omura 78)
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 1 (Simao 44)
Att: 13,978

JUBILO IWATA 2 (Nakayama 15, Hattori 80 pen)
KYOTO PURPLE SANGA 1 (Matsuhashi 18)
att: 12,358

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 2 (Torres 26, Hirano 56)
SHIMIZU S-PULSE 1 (Yoshika Matsubara 37)
Att: 21,008

GAMBA OSAKA 0 KASHIMA ANTLERS 1 (Yanagisawa 57) **Att:** 8,665

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 7
KASHIWA REYSOL 4 (Yoshida 16,Sakai 41, Ihara og 73, Wagner 88)
YOKOHAMA MARINOS 0 Att: 11,883

SHIMIZU S-PULSE 0
VERDY KAWASAKI 2 (Kazuyoshi Miura 30, Magrao 34) **Att:** 15,814

CEREZO OSAKA 2 (Kizawa 12, Fukagawa 79)
KASHIMA ANTLERS 4 (Yanagisawa 35, 65, Rodrigo 73, 78) **Att:** 6,467

YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 2 (Yamaguchi 27)
JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 0 Att:11,103

KYOTO PURPLE SANGA 1 (Alexandre 13)
URAWA REDS 0 Att: 10,088

SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 2 (Takagi 12, Fue 67)
NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 3 (Okayama 44, Moriyama 70, Stojkovic 72 pen) **Att:** 10,185

AVISPA FUKUOKA 1 (Own goal 23)
GAMBA OSAKA 0 Att: 6,596

BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 3 (Seki 49,70, Almir 82)
JUBILO IWATA 0 Att: 8,015

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 14
KASHIMA ANTLERS 2 (Yanagisawa 33, Hasegawa 77)
YOKOHAMA FLUGELS 1 (Maezono 52)
Att: 15,435

NAGOYA GRAMPUS EIGHT 3 (Okayama 72, Moriyama 75, Asano 87)
KYOTO PURPLE SANGA 0 Att: 21,181

JEF UNITED ICHIHARA 0
SHIMIZU S-PULSE 1 (Nonomura og 91)
Att: 7,848

VERDY KAWASAKI 5 (Maekawa og 1, Kazuyoshi Miura 15, 34, Magrao 46, 75)
SANFRECCE HIROSHIMA 1 (Noh 32)
Att: 11,782

URAWA REDS 3 (Okano 35, Oshiba 63, Hori 86)
BELLMARE HIRATSUKA 2 (Seki 44, Almir 59)
Att: 17,825

YOKOHAMA MARINOS 0
AVISPA FUKUOKA 0 Att: 10,268
Marinos win 3-1 on pens

JUBILO IWATA 2 (Schillaci 35, Hattori 72 pen)
KASHIWA REYSOL 3 (Sakai 26, Edilson 85, 93) **Att:** 13,163

GAMBA OSAKA 2 (Matsuyama 53, Matsunami 58)
CEREZO OSAKA 0 Att: 7,210

J.LEAGUE

	P	W	L	F	A	Pts
Kashima Antlers	19	14	5	46	21	44
Kashiwa Reysol	19	14	4	48	27	42
Grampus Eight	19	14	5	44	26	42
Urawa Reds	19	13	6	36	23	40
Yokohama Flugels	19	13	6	39	29	39
Jubilo Iwata	19	12	7	35	29	37
Verdy Kawasaki	19	12	7	47	32	36
Yokohama Marinos	19	10	9	25	23	30
JEF United Ichihara	19	9	10	26	26	27
Gamba Osaka	19	9	10	25	34	27
Bellmare Hiratsuka	19	8	11	31	40	24
Shimizu S-Pulse	19	6	13	39	37	19
Avispa Fukuoka	19	6	13	27	40	19
Sanfrecce Hiroshima	19	6	13	19	35	18
Cerezo Osaka	19	5	14	20	38	15
Kyoto Purple Sanga	19	1	18	9	47	3

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COLUMBUS	32	11	4	17	59	60	37
New England	32	9	6	17	43	56	33

Western Conference - *FINAL*

	P	W	SW	L	F	A	Pts
LOS ANGELES	32	15	4	13	59	49	49
DALLAS	32	12	5	15	50	48	41
KANSAS CITY	32	12	5	15	61	63	41
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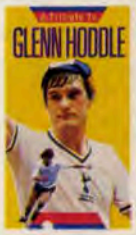

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New era . . . the rebuilt Heysel stadium

Brussels

Nicholas Harling on the Belgian capital still struggling to emerge from the shadow of the Heysel disaster

BRUSSELS will be synonymous with Heysel, or rather the Heysel disaster, for all time.

The memories invariably will be of the dreadful carnage of May 29, 1985, rather than the European Cup Final between Liverpool and Juventus, won 1-0 by the Italians after 39 fans had perished in the pre-match riot.

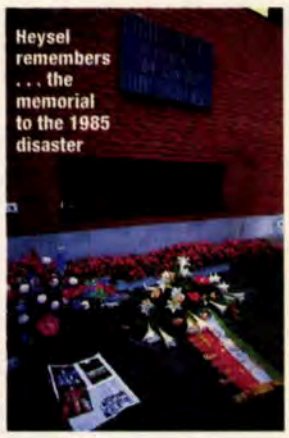
From that day, Heysel Stadium was doomed. After accepting most of the flak for the disaster, the Belgian government and the Belgian Football Federation set out on rebuilding the stadium on the same site at a cost of £20million.

The new area, renamed the King Baudouin Stadium after the late monarch, was opened on August 23, 1995, with a match against Germany. Typically and sadly this was besmirched by hooliganism, though thankfully this time there were only arrests and not deaths.

Plans are afoot for the 40,000 capacity to be increased by 10,000, in which case Belgium will have a worthy central venue for the European Championship finals in 2000, even though the ground will never be to every spectator's taste. It is surrounded by a running track and the action is sometimes too distant. Consequently the major occasions are soured somewhat by a lack of stimulating atmosphere.

Quite literally in the shadow of the stadium lies another rather more compact ground, known as the Heysel Annexe. It was the First Division home during the 1980s of Racing Jet Brussels, a club formed in 1970 by the merger of Racing Club de Jette and Le Stade Bruxellois. The sequel to Racing Jet's relegation in 1988 was remarkable, for the club moved to Wavre, 30 kilometres away, under the new title of Racing Jet Wavre.

The 13,000 capacity arena was too good to stand idle, however, and it is now occupied by a team of Turkish migrants, Atlas Bruxelles, who play in the provincial First Division. Home crowds of 500 are the norm.



Heysel remembers . . . the memorial to the 1985 disaster

National stadium that it is, the King Baudouin would never be considered as a venue by Anderlecht, not even for a big match such as the Champions Cup quarter-final against Milan two years ago, when 20,000 applications for tickets had to be refused.

"We are Anderlecht," explained press attache Jean-Pierre Kindermans. "We have boxes, business seats, clients and supporters. We want them to feel at home."

Anderlecht have played in Parc Astrid, the large park just outside the city centre, since 1919, 11 years after their formation, but it was only in 1994 that Emile Verse Stadium was renamed Constand Vanden Stock-Stadion in deference to the club's president, now 82, and recently succeeded by his son Roger.

They were helped to the first of their 24 titles in 1947 by formidable centre-forward Jef Mermans, and another legendary striker, Paul Van Himst, shot Anderlecht to five successive titles in the 1960s.

The club's dominance in domestic football was illustrated in 1964 when the Belgian national team, consisting entirely of Anderlecht players, beat Holland 1-0. Sadly Van Himst did not enhance his reputation as national team coach, a job he relinquished soon after the team's failure to reach the finals of Euro 96.

Anderlecht, on the other hand, have hardly been out of Europe. The mauve and whites have not missed one or other of the European club tournaments for 25 years. During the course of 197 European ties, they won the Cup-winners Cup in 1976 – beating West Ham in the Final – and again in 1978, when Austria Vienna were defeated. Each time the European Supercup was the next trophy to adorn the cabinet.

With an average gate of 20,000, Anderlecht usually comfortably accommodate most of their supporters in the impressively refurbished stadium. Capacity, once 32,000, is now 28,000.

At Anderlecht, unlike the King Baudouin, the atmosphere on big-game nights is intoxicating. "From almost every seat you can feel the breath of the players," says Kindermans.

The club, very much the Manchester United of Belgium, attract a nationwide following – they have 34 supporters clubs spread around the country – in contrast to RWD Molenbeek, the city's other First Division club, less than two miles away long the Boulevard Louis Mettewie.

If RWDM have an identity crisis – which has cost them the defection of thousands of supporters over the years – it is hardly surprising. The club is the product of not one merger, but two.

The first brought together Daring Molenbeek and Racing Bruxelles, whose home had been in an athletics stadium two miles away. The second amalgamation, in 1973, was the fusion of Daring Molenbeek and Racing White, who had played on another side of town. Hence Racing White Daring Molenbeek, whose one League title arrived in 1975.

"It is difficult when clubs have to merge," said Gino Gylain, RWDM's manager, "but it is sometimes necessary if they want to continue. I know that can be a problem for the people."

Bearing in mind that it is mostly the older generation who identify with the club or whatever club they once supported, coach Rene Vandereycken has been instructed by chairman Johan Vermeersch to adopt a youth policy.

"I believe that we have the best young players in the country," said Gylain. "The idea is that younger fans might support a younger team." So far, it has not proved such a bad notion. The team – including three teenage regulars – finished fourth last season.

Although RWDM began life with a friendly against Real Madrid watched by 32,000, the capacity in the old, extremely English-style arena, albeit with a renovated main stand, is now only half that. But it was sufficient to stage an international against the USA in 1995.

From the newest major club in Brussels to the oldest, and how differently things might have

turned out had not Constant Vanden Stock's desire to preside at Saint Gilloise been constantly rebuffed in the 1950s and 1960s.

St Gilloise, who were awarded the prefix 'Royale' according to Belgian custom after 25 years, will celebrate their centenary next year.

By then they hope, at the very least, to have consolidated in the Second Division after their promotion last season, which followed a yo-yo existence since relegation from the First in 1973. St Gilloise fell to the Fourth, fought back up to the Third, went down to the Fourth and regained a place in the Second only to slump back to the Third.

That's all a far cry from the early days. Within seven years of founding the club, 17-year-old Alfred Lombaert – who installed his 19-year-old brother Eugene as treasurer and 15-year-old Gustave Vanderstappen as captain – had seen them win the first of their 11 League titles.

The last three came in successive years, 1933-34-35, during which the club established a Belgian record of playing 60 matches unbeaten.

It would be hard to imagine a more picturesque arena than the Joseph Marien Stadium, named after the club's fourth president, set on the edge of the thick Duden Park, a good mile from the Gare Du Midi. A huge bank of terraces, reminiscent of how The Valley once looked at Charlton, opposite the old and only stand, is flanked by trees, as are the two steep tiers of terracing, one of them now condemned, behind each goal.

Crowds of 30,000 were once commonplace but the ground (capacity now 12,000) rarely attracts more than 5,000 these days.

Poignantly, Union established a link with Juventus in Brussels long before Heysel. The last of the club's 17 games in the old Fairs Cup was in 1964 when they lost 1-0 at home to the Turin side.

The capital has another club in the provincial league, Royal Racing Club de Bruxelles, where a large stand, accommodating some 5,000, is set in an even deeper bowl than St Gilloise's.

Rarely, however, are the team nicknamed Le Rat watched by crowds over 200 at their home in the Watermael-Boitsfort District.

Happily, the trend of purpose-built stadia has yet to manifest itself in Belgium, the country where, in view of tragic events, it was perhaps most expected.

Yet for as long as they survive, the appealing old grounds will provide a distinct reminder that soccer still pips cycling as the nation's most popular sport. It will be sad if they disappear but presumably the lessons of Heysel are that one day they must.

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Talking of Lens, it's one of a host of different venues easily accessible from Lille. Change stations, take a quick stroll from Lille Europe to Lille Flandres, and most of the clubs in northern France and southern Belgium will be there marked on the departure board.

There's no need to carry on to Brussels to catch a Belgian First Division match. Watch newly-promoted Mouscron just across the border. Or take in Harelbeke or Charleroi. They are within easy reach, as are Gent and Bruges. But beware Bruges. As yet there's no train connection and a bus service has to suffice.

Go on to Brussels, where Anderlecht, RWDM and nearby Aalst vie for your attention. Change trains, and Antwerp offers not just the city's main club but Ekeren, Mechelen, Lierse and Lokeren in the suburbs and satellite towns.

Belgian clubs tend to play on Friday or Saturday evenings, which leaves plenty of time to carry on to Holland, where there invariably are games on Sunday afternoons in Rotterdam, home of Feyenoord, or Amsterdam, where Ajax are trying to make for lost ground in their magnificent new stadium.

If the big time has lost its appeal, there's always Ashford Town. Alight at the Kent new town, the latest stop on the England-France high-speed link, and there might just be a game at The Homelands, the humble home of the Dr Martens League Premier Division club.

Brian Glanville's *LAST WORD*

The trouble with tactics...

TACTICS, tactics. Terry Venables has criticised Hoddle's. Glenn Hoddle insists that his tactics will run all the way through every level of England team.

His successor at Chelsea, Ruud Gullit, employed those tactics but hasn't been afraid to change them, even halfway through a game. And in Europe, the 4-4-2 formation which Hoddle so despises is still used by such celebrities as Arrigo Sacchi, still manager of Italy though Federation president Matarrese bit the dust, and Fabio Capello, Sacchi's successor at Milan, now in charge of Real Madrid.

What's in a name; or a set of figures? As England chiefs, both Venables and Hoddle used a 3-5-2 formation, though in Venables' case, it was a question of deploying retractable wingers, while Hoddle, to Venables' scorn, uses attacking wing-backs. Venables went on record early this season with the view that Hoddle's methods were negative and defensive.

I'm tempted to respond, a plague on both their houses, and to resurrect the eternal question: should players fit tactics or tactics fit players?

Hardly had Alex Ferguson done public penance for previous European mistakes than he was at it again in Turin

Some years ago, when Bobby Robson, himself not long installed as the England manager, appeared to be coming under the baleful influence of Long Ball Charlie Hughes at Lancaster Gate, the word was that every England team down to youth level would be playing ghastly direct football, with all its attendant orthodoxy and jargon. Some of us protested violently in the public prints, and in the event it did not happen.

Venables happened on his version of 3-5-2 after fiddling about with various formations, so it's a little surprising to see him putting it forward now as some kind of panacea. There isn't one, anyway.

His tactics worked moderately well in Euro 96 – you will know my views about all that by now – but they seemed to me to have grave potential weakness. In the first place, there was what you might call the Steve Coppell syndrome. Coppell, when an excellent little Manchester United winger, was worked like a slave by England, toiling up and down that right touchline, not least to help out the right-back, Phil Neal, and expending energy which any winger is ultimately going to need for a burst into attack. When that energy might well not be there. Such were the dangers run by Steve McManaman and Darren Anderton.

Using full-backs as wingers isn't ideal, either. Even when they attack as successfully and penetratively as Chelsea and Romania's Dan Petrescu.

But then there's the mystery of managers, famous and much lauded managers, who make mistakes which any tyro would surely avoid. Stand up Manchester United's eternally errant – in Europe – Alex Ferguson. Hardly had he done public penance for previous European mistakes than he was at it again in Turin, with strategies which left one gaping.

Eric Cantona all on his own up front, back to the goal, inevitably close marked. David May dropped, with Norway's Johnsen playing central defence rather, than many expected, as defensive midfield. Ryan Giggs stuck in a central midfield position rather than out on the wing where he could run at people; then taken off at half-time because he was "giving the ball away", while two struggling foreign wingers, Poborsky and Cruyff, stayed ineffectually on.

And what of Juventus' winning goal – they should have had several more – with both United centre-backs stranded upfield and the hapless Nicky Butt left, unavailingly, to try to counter the stronger, faster, Alen Boksic; who inevitably scored?

Managers are wont to say that journalists don't understand football. Well, I readily admit that tactics like these remind me of the great John Wilkes, who once said some 200 years ago that the Peace of Paris was like the Peace of God: it passeth all understanding.

Another Arsenal aberration

The Arsenal Stadium Mystery was a somewhat indifferent mystery novel written by one Leonard Gribble who, mysteriously, got into *Who's Who* where he wrote lines and lines about himself (you get to write your own entry.)

An imaginary amateur team called The Trojans play Arsenal in a friendly at Highbury, shortly before the war. During the game, a Trojan drops dead. Who dunnit?

As a very young Arsenal fan, at prep school, I found the book in Boots Library, Banbury, but longed the see the film. Alas, I wish I had seen it then rather than, so many years later, on television. In some ways, it is a wonderful period piece.

Greta Gynt is the now forgotten blonde female star; she died not long ago. George Allison, Arsenal's rotund, orotund, manager plays himself with evident glee. Short, squat with an obviously manufactured accent – he was from Middlesbrough originally, I believe – he followed the fashion also adhered to by Neville Chamberlain ("Ai am speaking to you from the cebinet room in Number 10 Downing Street") turning As into Es. Weird aberration, but you can still hear some Royalty do it.

Leslie Banks, a star of the time, who appeared in far better films than this, plays the investigating police detective, spending his spare time drilling a hefty bunch of policemen dressed up as ballerinas for a police show. I don't remember that in the book.

All this simply to say that we now have another Arsenal Stadium Mystery: what on earth did their vice-president David Dein think he was up to? Why did he – and the other Arsenal directors – let George ("I am innocent") Graham stay on so long after his bung-taking had been exposed? Why was Graham allowed to spend £5million on new players, one of whom, Kiwomya, has festered in the reserves? Why, after Dein had assumed transfer responsibility, didn't Arsenal sign anyone at all right through the summer?

Why was Bruce Rioch sacked as manager at the start of this season rather than at the end of last? Why was Arsene Wenger engaged when it was known he couldn't leave Japan till October at the earliest, and perhaps not even until the New Year? In the event, he was able to come at the end of September, but even then, the season was well on its way.

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It's tempting, in the face of such unfocused hyperactivity, to remember the apocryphal words of President Dwight Eisenhower to his controversial Secretary of State, John Foster Dulles: "Don't just say something: stand there!"

Punter power

Italian fans are among the most pompous and presumptuous in the world; what English club fans would demand as of right meetings with the players when things went wrong? But you can understand Lazio's fans inveighing against the owner, Sergio Cragnotti, even if manager Zdenek Zeman was far from guiltless. Selling Winter, Di Matteo and Boskic last summer verged on the suicidal. Zeman's words, before Di Matteo decided to go, "He's important but no indispensable," have truly come back to haunt him.

Vexed by text

Gary Lineker said on TV that Wimbledon should be watched only on Ceefax. What he did say after a very dull Wimbledon-Leeds game I myself reported in February 1995, was that the first half was so dull you'd have been "better off watching it on Ceefax". Wimbledon paranoids and slovenly journalists please note!

Flashback

June 2, 1979, Glasgow. Argentina arrived at Hampden Park to play Scotland. Included in the line-up was a young player from Boca Juniors, Diego Maradona, aged 18 years, nine months and three days. The South Americans won 3-1, the young genius scored one of the goals, and – for once – Kenny Dalglish was in second place.

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